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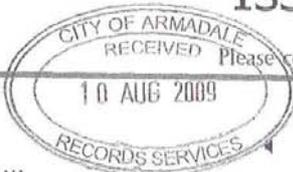
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**COMMONWEALTH REVIEW OF THE WA GRAIN FREIGHT REVIEW**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia, Hon Gary Gray AO MP has released the Commonwealth's independent review of the Western Australian grain rail network review to determine ways to improve its effectiveness.

The review analysed the WA Grain Infrastructure Group (GIG) recommendations for rail and road investment and new processes to deliver an efficient WA grain freight supply chain.

The Commonwealth's key findings were that:

- The GIG report does not provide a reliable basis on which to make major investment decisions;
- The overall costs of the GIG's proposed investment package are likely to significantly exceed the benefits; and that
- There is a need for further analysis of alternative investment options due to deregulation of the wheat market and the impact on grain transport patterns.

The Commonwealth review can be found at <http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/publications/reports/index.aspx>.

The new Strategic Grain Network Committee, on which WALGA sits, is investigating the short, medium, and long term options for the grain freight network to deliver an efficient grain freight supply chain.

WALGA is working with Local Governments to ensure that their issues and the impact of decisions on local road issues are included in network discussions, and that appropriate investment scenarios for local roads are considered.

*For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031 or email [mmackenzie@walga.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walga.asn.au)*

**COMPOSITE ADVERTISING – 2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

As per previous campaigns, WALGA is pleased to offer composite advertising for the 2009 Local Government elections.

The composite advertising program includes all advertisements required by legislation as well as a promotional advertisement on Election Day.

Participation in the composite advertising scheme will deliver cost savings and administrative efficiencies to Local Governments as well as increased prominence of public notices and enhanced profile of Local Government elections.

An information and registration pack has been distributed by email to Local Governments holding in-person elections in October. This information is also available at <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/documents/electionadvertising>.

*For further information, please contact Manager Local Government Advisory Services, James McGovern, on 9213 2093 or email [lgelections@walga.asn.au](mailto:lgelections@walga.asn.au)*

**OVERSEAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT**

The major event of this year's Local Government overseas professional recruitment, the Opportunities Australia Expo, will be in Johannesburg, South Africa on Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 September.

Approximately 17,000 skilled professionals are registered to attend the event, with WALGA's Workplace Solutions team recruiting on behalf of the WA Local Government sector. Local Governments seeking to submit expressions of interest and receive priority access to interviewed candidates are invited to send relevant position information by Friday, 21 August.

*For further information, please contact Recruitment Manager, Lydia Highfield on 9213 2079 or email [recruitment@walga.asn.au](mailto:recruitment@walga.asn.au)*

#### OFFICER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The venue for all the following training is:

Local Government House  
15 Altona St, West Perth.

The cost for each of the training modules is:

\$352 inc GST for Workplace Solutions Members

\$385 inc GST for Non Members

#### Rates in Local Government: Clerical

Date: Thursday, 13 August

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

#### Rates in Local Government: Advanced

Date: Friday, 14 August

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

#### Introduction to Local Government Finance

Date: Friday, 28 August

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

#### Introduction to the Local Government Act

Date: Thursday, 10 September

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

#### Customer Service and Complaints Handling in Local Government

Date: Wednesday, 23 September

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

*For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Brenna Heagney on 9213 2098 or email [bheagney@walga.asn.au](mailto:bheagney@walga.asn.au)*

#### WESTERN POWER BUSHFIRE GRANTS NOW OPEN

Western Power's sponsorship of volunteer bushfire brigades begins again in August with \$80,000 in grants available. Brigades operating within the SWIS network are invited to apply for up to \$5000 in funding to help purchase equipment or update facilities.

Over the last two years, more than 60 brigades across the SWIS network have received funding to purchase much needed equipment to service their community.

This is the third year of Western Power's three year \$300,000 sponsorship which provides grants to bushfire brigades, support for the association website, and assistance with the FESA Bush Fire Forums.

Application forms for grants can be obtained from [www.westernpower.com.au/bushfiregrants](http://www.westernpower.com.au/bushfiregrants).

Successful applicants will be notified after applications close on Friday, **28 August**.

*For further information, please contact Community Relations Coordinator - Metro Customer Solutions, Mike Read on 9326 4466.*

#### PROPELLING ARTS INTO A VIRTUAL REALITY

Propel Youth Arts WA is excited to announce the launch of an innovative new website [www.propel.org.au](http://www.propel.org.au), designed to connect, support and promote youth arts in Western Australia.

The user friendly website encourages the development of an online creative arts community, enabling artists

and arts organisations to upload and customise their own profiles, events and news on the Propel website.

A key feature of the website is a section dedicated to providing accessibility information and resources to the arts community. Through the Disability and the Arts Inclusion Initiative (DAII), Propel consulted with the WA Association for the Blind to make the website user friendly to those with a visual impairment.

*For further information, please contact Communications and Marketing Officer, Lisa Wallace on 9328 5855 or email [lisa@propel.org.au](mailto:lisa@propel.org.au)*

#### FERTILISE WISE

The South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare invites you to the launch of the Fertilise Wise Program. Learn about the benefits of the new Fertilise Wise Program over a light morning tea.

Date: Tuesday, 1 September

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Venue: Canning River Eco Education Centre  
Kent Street, Wilson

Registrations for this event close Friday, **28 August**.

*For further information, please phone 9458 5664 or email [julierobert@sercul.org.au](mailto:julierobert@sercul.org.au)*

#### RIGHT CLICK 2009

This is your opportunity to attend WA's only IT Symposium geared towards equipping government departments and organisations with the knowledge and tools to manage the impact of technology in the workplace.

Date: Friday, 30 October

Time: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Perth

This important event is of relevance to anyone in the public sector who uses the Web, and speakers will address the challenges currently facing many departments in a constantly changing IT environment, as well as those that are yet to come. Please visit <http://www.wa.ipaa.org.au> to submit an abstract or to register for this event.

*For further information or to submit an abstract, please contact IPAA WA on 9221 1177 or email [info@ipaawa.org.au](mailto:info@ipaawa.org.au)*

#### WALK WEEK - WALK THERE TODAY

Did you know that communities in which many people walk are safer and that people enjoy a greater sense of connection with their neighbourhood?

Walk Week (Monday, 2 - Sunday, 8 November) encourages West Australians to be more active by walking for transport, health, recreation and the environment. Schools, workplaces, Local Governments and community groups are invited to host a walk event to celebrate Walk Week.

Register on-line at [www.transport.wa.gov.au/walking](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/walking) to receive a free event kit including giveaways.

*For further information, please contact Heart Foundation Consultant, Anna Sheppard on 9382 5939 or email [anna.sheppard@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:anna.sheppard@heartfoundation.org.au)*



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## ISSUES UPDATE

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SUBMISSION EXTENSION OF TIME

Please be advised that on Sunday 9 August at the WALGA State Council Meeting, the State Council resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to extend the time for Local Governments to submit their reform submissions to the end of September 2009.

Due to the direction provided at the Local Government Convention by the Premier, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Local Government, many Local Governments are reconsidering their positions and require more time to develop reform proposals in consultation with their communities.

We have been advised that the Minister has accepted this request and Local Governments have until Wednesday, **30 September** to complete their submissions.

This is good news for the sector and allows Local Governments more time to consult with their communities and finalise their submissions.

Local Governments that require assistance with facilitating community meetings are encouraged to contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or Regional Cooperation Manager, Joanne Burges on 9213 2048.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown, on 9213 2051 or email [tbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au)

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BIODIVERSITY EFFORTS REWARDED

Biodiversity Conservation Milestone Awards were presented to eight Local Governments at the recent Local Government Convention. The awards recognise Local Governments undertaking local biodiversity planning processes in partnership with the Perth and South West Biodiversity Projects.

The following Local Governments received recognition:

- City of Armadale;
- Town of Bassendean;
- City of Bayswater;
- City of Belmont;
- Shire of Chittering;
- Shire of Kalamunda
- Shire of Mundaring; and the
- City of Wanneroo.

For further information, please contact PBP Manager, Renata Zelinova on 9213 2047 or email [rzelinova@walga.asn.au](mailto:rzelinova@walga.asn.au)

### FIRST PAST THE POST VOTING LEGISLATION

The legislation to return Local Government elections to first-past-the-post voting method has been passed by State Parliament, with legislation to take effect prior to the October Council elections.

After a commitment in January by Local Government Minister John Castrilli to return to this voting method, legislation passed through the Legislative Assembly on 6 May 2009; however the next step in the process was for the legislation to pass through the Legislative Council which did not occur prior to the winter recess of Parliamentary sitting time. This meant the legislation only had two days of sitting time to be passed before it impacted upon electoral requirements and would fail to be in place for the October Council elections. WALGA lobbied Members of Parliament to give this legislation their prompt attention upon returning to sitting last week, and have welcomed the passing of the legislation and Minister Castrilli's commitment to ensure the legislation went through in time.

WALGA has committed to continue to lobby to extend changes to the WA Electoral Commission monopoly on postal voting to open the system to

competition, including allowing Local Governments to manage the process.

*For further information, please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email [tbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au).*

#### **WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING CHARGES**

The Economic Regulation Authority released a Discussion Paper on Thursday, 6 August ([www.era.wa.gov.au](http://www.era.wa.gov.au)) as part of its inquiry into Water Resource Management and Planning Charges.

Charges are proposed to be levied on users of ground and surface water in proclaimed areas to recover some of the costs of the Department of Water in planning and managing the State's water resources. Previous attempts by the Government to implement these charges have been disallowed in Parliament.

The Discussion Paper describes a set of principles that argues should be used to determine the costs that should be met by water users and those that should be met by the general public; and considerations for how the private costs should be allocated between users.

Local Governments are significant users of ground and surface water, primarily for maintaining sports grounds and public open space and may be directly impacted by these proposed State Government charges. WALGA believes that water drawn from ground or surface resources for public benefit should not be subject to licensing fees.

WALGA will be making a submission on behalf of the sector and would appreciate any feedback from Local Governments. The submission period closes on Monday, **31 August**. If Local Governments are making a submission, it is requested that they also provide a copy to WALGA to help form a sector-wide response.

*For further information or to provide comments and suggestions, please contact Economist, Ian Duncan on 9213 2040 or email [iduncan@walga.asn.au](mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au)*

#### **ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT NEWS**

The Local Government Alcohol Management Package is a printed resource that contains guidance in the form of ideas, tips and tools that promote a 'prevention and risk management' approach to existing Local Government activities, responsibilities and processes regarding alcohol.

Consultation with Local Government officers throughout WA and evidence about best practice has been used as a basis for the resource content. There are currently twelve Local Governments participating in a pilot project using this resource to address the issue of alcohol misuse within the community.

*For further information, please contact Alcohol and Crime Management Coordinator, Marianne Carey on 9213 2071 or email [mcarey@walga.asn.au](mailto:mcarey@walga.asn.au)*

#### **NATIONAL WATER WEEK**

This year's theme for National Water Week (Sunday, **18 – Saturday, 24 October**) is *Securing Our Water Future*.

This year, the Australian Water Association is partnering with the National Water Commission to

present National Water Week across the country. The event is a great way to get the community involved in water resource management and education. You can get involved in National Water Week by hosting an activity or event in your area.

Please visit [www.nationalwaterweek.org.au](http://www.nationalwaterweek.org.au) for more information. From here you can access the program, download resources, and add your event to the calendar of activities around Australia.

*For further information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Sarah Molloy on 9213 2049 or email [smolloy@walga.asn.au](mailto:smolloy@walga.asn.au)*

#### **HR EVOLUTION – RESPONDING TO CHANGE**

Demonstrating the latest thinking and future directions for Local Government human resources, the 2009 National Local Government Human Resource Conference (to be held from Wednesday, **18 – Friday, 20 November**) will address the linkages and solutions provided by HR in the face of changing economic, social and environmental landscapes confronting Councils.

Considering a diverse range of topics including recruitment; organisational collaboration; the legislative environment; crisis management; and employment branding, the comprehensive program features high profile keynote speakers, practical workshops and showcases successful Council HR programs. Register now to save \$100 off the full price. Early bird registration costs \$990 including GST.

*For further information, please visit [www.mav.asn.au/majorevents/hrconference](http://www.mav.asn.au/majorevents/hrconference)*

#### **INAUGURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOURISM CONFERENCE**

Tourism WA and Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) are pleased to present the inaugural Local Government and Tourism Conference which will be held Tuesday, **8 – Thursday, 10 September**.

The Conference has been specifically designed to offer the opportunity to strengthen the partnership between tourism strategy, community development and Local Government. The program will include Keynote Addresses from high profile overseas, interstate, and local speakers. Delegates will also take part in interactive themed field trips. Other Conference highlights will be a gala dinner, Swan Valley wine tasting and a corporate golf competition.

*For further information, to register, or to view the Conference program, please visit the LGMA website at [www.lgmawa.org.au](http://www.lgmawa.org.au)*

#### **MEDIA RELEASES**

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| 3 August  | Vibrant Banner Display Brings City to Life    |
| 6 August  | Council Cooperation on Road Safety            |
| 6 August  | 'Golden Opportunity' Wins Council Competition |
| 7 August  | Joint Program Reduces Road Crashes            |
| 8 August  | Fewer than 100 Councils: Premier              |
| 13 August | Council Elections back in Community Control   |



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM STEERING COMMITTEE

**TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **Bulletin No 7-2009**

The Local Government Reform Steering Committee held its latest meeting on 15 July 2009, which was attended by Hon Minister Castrilli MLA. The meeting gave Minister Castrilli the opportunity to engage with members of the Committee and to be briefed on the progress of the Committee's four Working Groups, which are based on the following themes:

- Corporate and Strategic Planning;
- Commercial Enterprise and Urban Development;
- Training and Capacity Building; and
- Legislative Reform.

The Chairs of each group updated the meeting on their consideration of the tasks allocated to them by the Committee, including the key recommendations emerging. Committee members are to consider the reports and provide guidance back to the working groups at their August meeting. This guidance will assist the groups finalise their reports by the November deadline.

The meeting was advised that the assessment of the local government reform checklists has been completed and feedback provided to each local government.

With the due date for reform submissions drawing near, local governments are reminded to ensure their reform submissions are endorsed by Council prior to being submitted. The Minister has confirmed that he requires all local governments to advise him of their intention in relation to amalgamation, elected member representation and regional grouping by 31 August.

The Minister will forward reform submissions received to the Steering Committee for it to undertake an assessment and provide him with advice. A final report to the Minister, including recommendations on the matters examined by the four working groups, is due in December. In developing its final report, the Steering Committee may liaise with local governments in relation to their reform submissions.

Jennifer Mathews  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

11 August 2009

## ALGA NEWSLETTER - 7 August 2009

### Citizenship ceremonies



The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has praised local government's contribution to Australian citizenship through the conduct of citizenship ceremonies.

Citizenship ceremonies provide councils with an opportunity to welcome new citizens as formal members of the Australian community and in particular as members of their local community.

However, the Department is keen to point out to councils that citizenship ceremonies should be formal meaningful occasions and do not need to be large expensive events, particularly given the current economic climate. Citizenship legislation only specifies certain minimal mandatory requirements for the conduct of ceremonies. The provision of gifts and social elements such as music and refreshments are at the discretion of each council.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship recently made available to councils a citizenship montage featuring a variety of Australians talking about what it means to be Australian. This montage was designed to be played either at the beginning or end of the citizenship ceremony and obviates the need for additional entertainment costs.

Recent reports in the media about the production of a commercially produced citizenship coin may have given a misleading impression to councils that they are required to purchase a gift to give to new citizens at citizenship ceremonies. Councils are not expected to purchase the coin or any other gifts for new citizens, however it is open for them to do so.

Throughout 2009, councils can obtain, free of charge, commemorative 60th anniversary of Australian citizenship lapel pins and badges and other promotional products from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. An order form is available on the citizenship website [www.citizenship.gov.au](http://www.citizenship.gov.au).

If your council requires further information or a copy of the citizenship montage, you can contact Ludmila Witer, Director, Citizenship Ceremonies and Promotion section on 02 6198 7004.

(Photo: Australian citizenship ceremony celebrating 60 years of Australian citizenship held at Government House Canberra on Constitution Day, 9 July 2009.)

### Councils urged to join the Waste Reduction Challenge



Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) Week kicks off on Monday 24 August 2009, providing an ideal opportunity for local councils and their communities to get involved in the KAB Week waste reduction challenge.

According to Keep Australia Beautiful, Australians are one of the highest producers of waste in the world per capita, with every Australian household throwing away over one tonne of waste each year. If Australians continue producing waste at the rate we are today, then it is estimated that around 70 million tonnes of waste will be generated in a year by the year 2020.

The theme for KAB Week 2009 is 'Waste Lives On' and will focus on illustrating how the waste we throw away today, may still be polluting our environment for generations to come.

To help reduce waste in landfill, KAB is calling on all local councils to support KAB Week by promoting the campaign and encouraging local residents, schools, community groups and businesses to take up waste reduction challenges at home, work or school. Factsheets and example activities are available from the KAB Week website at [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au).

Your council office or department can also get involved by making a commitment to the waste reduction challenge in your workplace. Simply download the 'At Work' fact sheet and implement as many of the changes as you can, to reduce your office waste. Example activities include running a MobileMuster to recycle old phones and accessories, switching to refilled printer cartridges, or raising funds for KAB programs by purchasing and wearing a 100% Australian-made, organic cotton, KAB t-shirt throughout KAB Week. Your council office or department could also work with local schools or community groups to run a Neighbourhood Litter Count, to assess and address any key litter issues identified locally. A range of prizes can be won.

For further information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)

## 2009 Local Government Week awards



Twenty-five councils have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to local communities at the NSW Local Government and Shires Associations' 2009 Local Government Week Awards.

The Awards on Wednesday night marked the official launch of Local Government Week. ALGA Vice President and President of the Shires Association Cr Bruce Miller (pictured) said the Local Government Week Awards demonstrate how councils go above and beyond what is traditionally expected of them.

"The Awards prove that we're not just about issuing rates and collecting waste - but that we're committed to every aspect of our community's lives including health, leisure and education," he said. "I was especially pleased to see so many rural and regional councils enter the awards, and I congratulate them - and all other entrants - for their fantastic efforts."

Awards presented included the following:

- RH Dougherty Awards sponsored by Country Energy - Awarded by LGSA (ALGA was on the judging panel);
- Heart Foundation Local Government Awards - Awarded by the Heart Foundation;
- The Cancer Council NSW Local Government Awards - Awarded by The Cancer Council NSW; and
- The Youth Week Local Government Awards - Awarded by the Commission For Children and Young People.

To view a list of award winners, please visit the Local Government Week website: [www.LGweek.lgsa.org.au](http://www.LGweek.lgsa.org.au).

## From the President

When I meet people involved in local government but who are not directly involved in their state or territory local government association, I find that often they don't know much about ALGA. In my column this week, I thought it was timely to provide some background about the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in case you fit into this category.

ALGA was founded in 1947 as a federation of state and territory local government associations. Since 2001, membership has also included the Government of the Australian Capital Territory which combines both state and local government functions.

ALGA's policies are determined by the ALGA Board which consists of two representatives from each of the member associations and the ACT Government. ALGA's leadership group comprises the president and two vice presidents. The secretariat is managed by the chief executive.

Over the past 60 years, ALGA has grown in influence. A key decision was the establishment of a secretariat in Canberra in 1976, reflecting growing links with the Australian Government and an awareness of local government's emerging national role.

ALGA's activities at the national level include participation on 13 Ministerial Councils and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), providing submissions to government and parliamentary inquiries, raising the profile and concerns of local government at the national level and creating annual forums to develop local government policy, such as the National General Assembly and the National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

ALGA provides a range of services to its member associations and, through them, local councils throughout Australia. These include:

- information on national issues, policies and trends affecting local government via our internet site, newsletters, special reports and conferences;
- representation on national bodies including the Council of Australian Governments, Ministerial Councils and intergovernmental committees;
- liaison and negotiation with a wide range of Commonwealth ministers and departments, shadow ministers and political parties, as well as other national organisations related to local government;
- policy development to provide a local government perspective on national affairs;
- special projects aimed at enhancing local government's capacity and status in key areas of national concern; and
- lobbying the Australian Government and Parliament on specific issues and running campaigns to secure agreed policy objectives.

As president, I try to regularly visit state and territory local government association Board meetings and annual conferences. Over the past few months, I have addressed the South Australian, NSW Shires and Tasmanian conferences and tomorrow I will visit the Western Australia conference. These are great opportunities for councils to hear directly from ALGA about what we are working on to advance local government's position nationally. Tomorrow, I will outline progress on the roll-out of the \$1 billion community infrastructure fund announced by the Rudd Government, the recently announced asset management fund, the Centre for Excellence and our work to prepare for our campaign for constitutional reform to include local government.

Most of ALGA's contact is with state and territory local government associations - which comprise ALGA's Board. From time to time, I send out direct emails to councils on issues of national significance and 'ALGA News' is an important communication and information tool. I also send out a weekly update for the ALGA Board - 'Friday Update' - which is a summary of ALGA's activity over the past week and which highlights key upcoming events.

Overall, local government's national organisation works pretty well. However, there is always room for improvement and I welcome any feedback. My email is [geoff.lake@alga.asn.au](mailto:geoff.lake@alga.asn.au).

Cr Geoff Lake  
ALGA President

### Rainfall modelling

Australia's annual rainfall will increase by an average 8.4mm by 2099, according to results from computer models.

Two academics from the Australian National University, Michael Roderick and Wee Lo Lim, have crunched the numbers from 39 models run by organisations such as Australia's CSIRO and its equivalents in France, Canada, Germany, Japan, the US and Britain to produce a downloadable book that shows all their predictions individually and averaged. The book and e-book, *An Atlas of the Global Water Cycle*, has been launched at the university.

Dr Roderick and Mr Lim calculated that, by 2099, Australia's nationwide rainfall will have increased by an average of 8.4mm. But include an extra 11.2mm of evaporation across the country and the final result is a loss of 2.8mm.

Globally, rainfall is predicted to increase by an average of 46.9mm.

The Australian averages hide wider predicted regional variations. According to the data, by 2099, the Top End will be receiving 50-100mm more rain than the 1970-1999 average.

All of Victoria, and most of South Australia and Western Australia, will receive up to 50mm a year less than now.

Eastern Tasmania will receive up to 50mm less and the western half of the state will receive 50-100mm less.

### SA network

Expressions of Interest are sought for committee members for the Regional Development Australia (RDA) network of committees in South Australia. Applications close 9 August 2009.

- [Expression of Interest Advertisement](#)
- [SA Expression of Interest Handbook](#)
- [Expression of Interest Application Form](#)
- [Media Release - Regional Development Australia Seeks South Australian Community](#)

Queries about the Expression of Interest process in South Australia can be emailed to [rda.sa@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:rda.sa@infrastructure.gov.au).

### **MAV human resource conference**

Demonstrating the latest thinking and future directions for local government human resources, the 2009 National Local Government Human Resource conference will address the linkages and solutions provided by human resources in the face of changing economic, social and environmental landscapes confronting local government councils.

Considering a diverse range of topics, including recruitment, organisational collaboration, the legislative environment, crisis management and employment branding, a comprehensive program features high profile keynote speakers, practical workshops and showcases successful council human resource programs.

### **Childcare investment**

Greens Senator Sarah Hanson-Young has pointed to low wages of childcare workers as a key problem that must be resolved to improve the early childhood education and care sector as a whole.

Speaking at the recent Adelaide hearing for the Senate Inquiry into the provision of childcare, Senator Hanson-Young said that lifting workers' wages and helping them gain qualifications would lift the quality of Australian childcare.

"Referring childcare funding models to the Productivity Commission would be a good start in making sure we are properly targeting the millions of dollars that go out into the community each year in childcare benefits and rebates."

Senator Hanson-Young said that early childhood education and childcare aspects of the Council of Australian Governments' agenda would only be met if centres were staffed with properly paid, qualified staff.

### **Swine flu update**

Australia has 24,395 confirmed cases of swine flu. The total number of Australian deaths is 77. Following the outbreak of the pandemic at a NSW piggery, the Royal Queensland Show has banned pigs from the grounds to protect the animals from catching the pandemic. While no formal decision has been made to exclude pigs from agricultural events, each case will be managed individually by the relevant authorities. Internationally there are almost 200,000 confirmed cases (just over 50% of these are in the Americas) with 1,484 deaths.

### **Refugee, humanitarian overview**

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has produced an overview of Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Program, outlining the onshore protection and refugee resettlement components of the program and explaining Australia's current role in refugee protection and in settlement support. This booklet can be downloaded from the [DIAC website](#).

### **Biosecurity partnerships**

Plant Health Australia (PHA) is the lead national coordinating body for plant biosecurity in Australia. It works in partnership with industry, governments, researchers and others to

facilitate and manage improvements in biosecurity policy and practice across Australia's plant industries, and to build capacity to respond to plant pest emergencies.

PHA works with its industry members and signatories to develop and implement Industry Biosecurity Plans. These Plans prioritise the highest risk exotic pests and identifying actions to reduce the likelihood or impact of any incursion.

More information about the 20 Industry Biosecurity Plans currently in place is available on the PHA [website](#).

On the website, you can also subscribe to PHA's weekly e-newsletter Tendrils.

PHA has also developed, in partnership with Animal Health Australia, a range of information and tools on biosecurity tailored for producers.

The Farm Biosecurity [website](#) contains advice and resources for simple and effective biosecurity measures that producers can implement on their property to help secure their crop/orchard/plantation, their livelihood and the future of their industry.

### Exercise and sport survey

The number of Australians taking part in regular physical activity increased by one million last year from the 2007 total, according to the *Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey* (ERASS) report, released this month.

Minister for Sport and Youth the Hon Kate Ellis said the latest ERASS findings showed an estimated 8.2 million Australians (almost half of the report's estimated population) aged 15 years and over were active at least three times a week, a rise from 7.1 million (43 per cent) in 2007.

Ms Ellis said that the number of Australians exercising regularly had risen by 12 percentage points since the annual study started in 2001.

The ERASS study found females were more likely to be involved in regular physical activity, registering 51 per cent compared with 47 per cent of males. However men were more likely to be active for longer periods.

Australia's most popular sports and physical activities included aerobics/fitness, golf, outdoor football (soccer), netball, tennis, touch football, basketball, Australian Football, swimming and outdoor cricket.

The Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey, a joint initiative of the Australian Sports Commission and state/territory sport and recreation departments, collects information on the frequency, duration, nature and type of activities that are participated in by persons aged 15 years and over for exercise, recreation and sport, excluding coaching, refereeing and being a spectator.

### Audit for Community Infrastructure

The 'Financial Review' reported this week that the Auditor-General Ian McPhee will audit the almost \$1 billion in funding for community infrastructure for local government along with other Stimulus and grants programs, such as the \$176 million Better Regions Program, with

both audits expected to be completed in 2010-11. "In broad terms, each audit will assess whether the relevant program has been effectively designed and administered," the audit office said. It will also look at whether the "rapid injection of funds" and the actual implementation of the programs supported local jobs. Mr McPhee has signaled the ANAO's ongoing interest in ministers' administration of grants programs. The audit office's previous investigations had uncovered continuing weaknesses in some areas, such as the administration of grants, according to the 2009-10 audit work program delivered to Ministers last Friday.

### **Web 2.0 Taskforce**

Web 2.0 technologies are revolutionising the way citizens and governments around the world communicate and conduct business with each other. So far, Web 2.0 has led to social networking sites, vidoesharing sites, wikis, blogs and mashups. These include Flickr, Twitter, YouTube and Face Book.

Web 2.0 is designed to promote interactive, open communication between and among citizens and government. Last month, the Australian Government established a new Government 2.0 Taskforce to investigate how the Australian Government can make use of new Web 2.0 tools and applications to expand the use of government information and also improve its engagement with citizens. The Taskforce is chaired by well-known economist and blogger, Dr Nicholas Gruen, with other members drawn from the public, private and education sectors.

The aim of Government 2.0 is to make government information more accessible and useable, to make government more consultative, participatory and transparent, to build a culture of online innovation, and to promote collaboration across agencies in online and information initiatives.

The Government 2.0 Taskforce has recently released an issues paper which is open for comment until Monday 24 August 2009. The issues paper focuses on two key themes: public information and digital engagement. Local councils are encouraged to contribute views.

The Taskforce will table a report by the end of 2009, and will also distribute \$2.45 million of funds to support pilots and projects or prizes for innovative applications that support the development of Web 2.0 to engage government and citizens or support use of government information. Many local councils have been at the forefront of implementing Web 2.0 technologies, including Mosman Council in NSW, which was the first local government in Australia to sign up to Twitter (2008).

The Taskforce will also be conducting a series of public forums in capital cities around Australia, which local councils are encouraged to attend. Further details will follow in subsequent editions of ALGA News.

ALGA will be reviewing the Issues Paper over coming weeks. Further information is available on the Taskforce [website](#).

### **Urban water reform report**

A new report by Global Access Partners Urban Water Forum - 'Urban Water: A vision for national progress' - was launched this week at Parliament House.

The report looks at the particular challenges for urban water management, highlighted by the drought, in achieving urban water supply investment. It suggests that by establishing a more competitive urban water market, industries and communities will be better able to ensure the sustainable supply of water to our cities.

Global Access Partners is a business network that initiates high level discussions on a range of issues to facilitate knowledge sharing and input to Government policy.

### **Junk TV ban**

Willoughby Council has begun a grass-roots campaign to pressure the Federal Government to ban junk-food advertising from television during children's viewing hours. All Willoughby councillors supported the move by Greens Councillor Lynne Saville. The Coalition on Food Advertising to Children has urged councils across NSW to join the campaign. The organisation has said children watching two hours of TV a day see 18 hours a year of ads for junk food such as chips, confectionery, burgers and soft drinks.

### **Regional Ministerial Council**

ALGA Board Member and LGAQ President Cr Paul Bell highlighted the need for the Commonwealth and State Governments to work closely with local government in the establishment and implementation of Regional Development Australia (RDA) at a meeting of Regional Development ministers in Bendigo on 5 August. Ministers, meeting as the Regional Development Council, considered progress in establishing RDA and its major functions as well as its priorities in targeting local and regional needs and supporting whole of government responses to issues such as the global recession. Cr Bell noted the importance of engaging state local government associations in the establishment of RDA and in ensuring that individual councils are members of RDA committees.

Cr Bell also provided a briefing to his ministerial colleagues on the impact of the global recession on the regions as revealed in the Supplementary Report to the 2008 State of the Regions Report. The Supplementary report, commissioned by ALGA for this year's National General Assembly held in June, paints a worrying picture of growing unemployment in the regions, particularly resource-based regions in Western Australia and Queensland.

### **Over 45s over the hill?**

In a speech to the Australian Institute of Family Studies this week, Commissioner for Age Discrimination, Elizabeth Broderick, emphasised the fact that age discrimination is likely to touch the lives of most people earlier than they think, because the official age at which a person is considered to be a mature age worker is 45.

"Our consultations, and other research, indicate that age discrimination is one of the most unaddressed barriers to workforce participation that people aged 45 and over will face," said Commissioner Broderick .

Commissioner Broderick said that age discrimination in recruitment and employment in Australia today appears to be pervasive, systemic, invisible and accepted, and people needed to realise that it might affect their employability sooner than they think - that is, when they are in their forties.

"Given that by 2020, it is expected that 4 out of 10 people in our labour force will be 45 and over, and the increase in the age pension age to 67 signals an expectation for us to work longer, unaddressed unlawful age discrimination emerges as a very clear problem in relation to employment in our community," said Commissioner Broderick. "It is not someone else's issue - it can happen to all of us."

Ms Broderick said that age discrimination knew no demographic boundaries - it crosses cultural background, class, faith, gender, sexuality and disability.

"We need to make this invisible problem visible," Commissioner Broderick said. "We need to invest in research into this problem, we need to commit to communicating the existence and extent of this problem to the wider community and we need to look at legislative and policy reforms to address it."

### Healthy spaces and places

This week will see the culmination of ALGA's work over the past 18 months on a national planning guide to help foster better health outcomes for Australians through planning, with the launch of *Healthy Spaces and Places* by the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery, Warren Snowden.

*Healthy Spaces and Places* is a unique collaboration between ALGA, the National Heart Foundation and the Planning Institute of Australia and responds to widespread concerns about how to help reduce the high levels of preventable diseases in Australia through the design of the built environment.

The launch will be conducted on Wednesday 12 August 2009 at the annual Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP) Summit at Parliament House, Canberra.

### Minister slams state barriers

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese has expressed his frustration with state bureaucracies thwarting major transport projects.

Speaking at an infrastructure seminar at the ALP national conference last Friday, Minister Albanese cited railway regulation as an example of 'absurd' behaviour by the states. He said it made no sense that there were seven or eight rail regulators in Australia while there was one in the European Union and one in the US. He said that some of the states has resisted attempted at the last COAG meeting to get rid of the rules. "The state governments need to grow up and get on with it and support the reform process," he said.

### NBN advisers chosen

KPMG and McKinsey have been awarded the lead advisory role to undertake an implementation study into the federal government's \$43 billion national broadband network. Rival consultancy firms included Deloitte, A.T. Kearney and Acacia, and Boston Consulting Group.

As lead adviser, KPMG and McKinsey will be charged with investigating ways in which the fibre-to-the-home network will be financed, built and operated. KPMG is also undertaking a similar role to consult on the rollout of the NBN in Tasmania.

## Coastal erosion

Greg Combet, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change, launched the [National Coastal Landform and Stability Mapping tool](#) which for the first time, maps coastal landform type for the entire Australian coastline and provides the ability to identify vulnerable areas to erosion under a changing climate.

The mapping tool contains detailed coastal landform information, so it will be of immediate benefit to local planners and decision makers as they make coastal planning decisions. This work provides essential baseline data to feed into the Australian Government's National Coastal Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.

Mr Combet said that taking action would help communities, environment and industries to adapt to, and prepare for, the impacts of climate change.

The Landform and Stability Mapping Tool was funded by the Department of Climate Change and developed by Geoscience Australia in collaboration with the University of Tasmania.

## Urban Design Award

This year's national award will take place in Canberra on Tuesday 11 August, the night prior to the Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP) summit.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett will present the Australia Award for Urban Design at the dinner on behalf of the Prime Minister.

The Australia Award for Urban Design was created by the Urban Design Taskforce and was first awarded in 1996. The Award was established to recognise recent urban design projects of high quality in Australia and to encourage cities, towns and emerging settlements of all sizes to strive similarly for improvement. It acknowledges the critical role of good urban design in the development of our cities and towns.

## Greens urge youth vote

The Australian Greens have urged Prime Minister Rudd to move quickly to allow voting in Federal elections for Australians aged 16 and 17.

Australian Greens Leader Senator Bob Brown said Australians aged between 16 and 17 should voluntarily be allowed to enrol to vote. "What we want to see is the Rudd Government act to reverse the Howard Government legislation which closes the electoral rolls on the day an election is called. It disenfranchises thousands of young people who don't get on the rolls in time."

"The Rudd Government can get that legislation through the Parliament very rapidly, and it means tens of thousands of Australians won't be disenfranchised like they were at the last election."

## Disabled parking permits

The 'Herald' reports that rorting of disabled parking permits is so widespread that one Sydney council plans to slash its one-hour car spaces to prevent permit holders parking free all day.

Frustrated by the State Government's failure to overhaul the system despite repeated promises to crack down on cheats, Waverley Council is moving to stamp out the problem in Bondi Junction.

Under the NSW scheme, the most generous in the country, anyone with a disabled parking sticker can park free indefinitely in any metered or time-limited space. The only exception is for short-term parking up to 30 minutes.

A review of parking in Waverley recommended that metered spaces in Bondi Junction be limited to half an hour until noon each day to stop commuters parking all day in one-hour spaces.

The mayor, Sally Betts, said government inaction had forced the council to act. Many spaces were occupied by the same car all day, preventing legitimate users finding a park, she said.

"Parking all day in dense business districts, even if someone is genuinely disabled, is not the intention of the scheme and impacts on availability of parking spots."

### **Push for more competition**

The federal government is pushing for changes to zoning laws and to shopping centre leasing arrangements that benefit Coles and Woolworths in an effort to increase competition in the grocery sector.

In an interview with 'The Weekend Australian,' The Minister for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Small Business, Craig Emerson, said there was an insidious combination of local planning laws and restrictive agreements between major supermarkets and shopping centre owners that created an artificial scarcity of grocery store sites.

In the next few weeks, the states are all due to present Minister Emerson with reports on their planning laws as they affect shopping centre development.

But the more immediate pressure on Coles and Woolworths is likely to come from a challenge to the restrictive terms of leasing agreements between the major retailers and shopping centre owners. Under many of these leases, Coles and Woolworths include terms which effectively prevent centre managers leasing space to competing supermarkets.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission believes it has about 700 examples of anti-competitive leases that could contravene the Trade Practices Act.

ACCC chairman Graeme Samuel told 'The Weekend Australian' that what are known as 'restrictive covenants' negotiated by Coles and Woolworths were at the centre of the regulator's radar screen.

"We regard it as the single most important area we can tackle to lower the barriers to entry," he said.

"We consider it a matter of high priority to deal with this issue and we have the tools available under the Trade Practices Act." Foreign companies like German low-cost retailer Aldi and the giant US discounter Costco are keen to expand their operations in Australia.

## A national compact

The Australian Government, as part of its social inclusion agenda, wants to develop a new and stronger relationship with the third sector (not for profit sector including organisations such as charities, clubs, churches, etc) in Australia. One way to do this is through a national compact. A national compact will provide an opportunity to develop an agreement between the government and the third sector which will improve and strengthen the relationship and in turn, the services provided in the community.

The government wants to know what you think about the work that has been done so far. Your contribution will aid the development of a final compact between the government and the third sector. Your views on how a national compact could benefit local communities, and what it might mean for local government and their stakeholders would be invaluable. This second stage of consultations will focus on the draft principles and priorities which have emerged in the work to date.

Between May and July this year, the Compact Joint Taskforce with representation from non-profit organisations, Commonwealth agencies, local government and the ACTU met to develop a framework for the compact containing key priorities and principles. Mary Agostino, Manager of Family Services, Whittlesea Council, participated in the Taskforce, which highlighted the opportunity of the compact to address emerging issues, and consider the pressures on services in growing communities.

During this planning phase of the National Compact it has become evident that not everything can be done at once, and need to be sure of the issues that are most important to your organisation and other organisations across the sector.

A consultation paper has been developed, which will be available soon. In the meantime, share your views on what a national compact would mean to you and the people you work with.

Local government is also invited to lead targeted consultations with your members and stakeholders. A consultation toolkit will shortly be available to organisations to engage with their own stakeholders and collect structured feedback.

Further information about the Compact and the forum is at [www.socialinclusion.gov.au](http://www.socialinclusion.gov.au) or [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or you may phone 1800 607 839 Monday - Friday from 8.30-5.00pm (AEST). TTY users - phone 133 677 then ask for the phone number you wish to contact.

## High Country Rail Trail

Anthony Albanese, the Minister for Infrastructure, Regional Development and Local Government, announced this week that the Government had officially signed the contract to deliver \$13.2 million towards the 134-kilometre Goulburn River High Country Rail Trail.

Joining the Minister were Councillors from Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi councils. The councils are partnering with the Federal Government to deliver the project. The project is a good example of Federal and local government working together to create jobs in regional economies and delivering the infrastructure that local communities need.

Mr Albanese said "The Rail Trail was identified as a priority by the local communities after the devastating February bushfires and is part of the Rudd Government's plan to support bushfire-affected communities and revitalise their infrastructure and services."

The Rail Trail project will connect Mansfield to Tallarook and the Goulburn Valley and Hume Freeway corridor, linking the communities of Trawool, Kerrisdale, Homewood, Yea, Molesworth, Cathkin, Alexandra, Koriella, Kanumbra, Merton, Woodfield, Bonnie Doon, Maindample and Mansfield. It will also provide improved access for emergency vehicles and maintenance services.

The development of the trail will involve:

- construction of 39 bridges and repairs to 29 bridges;
- construction of seven car parks and installation of amenities;
- construction of 17 rest stops; and
- installation of eight water tanks

Mr Albanese said, "I congratulate the local community and local councils on this project and encourage them to work quickly to get construction underway." Federal funding of \$13.2 million for this project is from the \$1 billion Community Infrastructure Program, which is part of the Government's Economic Stimulus Plan.

*Quote of the week*

"I'm looking forward to the day when we can call our sport swimming again" -

*Michael Phelps speaking after the Rome swimsuit furor*

*International news* 

The world population is ageing so fast that within 10 years, for the first time in human history, there will be more people aged 65 and older than children under 5, according to a report commissioned by the National Institutes of Health in the US. Called 'An Aging World: 2008' the report says ageing is affecting every country in every part of the world. In many, the fastest growing portion of the population is 'the oldest old' or those aged 80 and more. High rates of childlessness in men and women today raise questions about who will provide care for them when they age.



**ReGenerating Community: Arts Community and Governance National Conference**  
September 2-4, 2009, Storey Hall, RMIT University, Melbourne

**Presented by RMIT University and the Cultural Development Network**

ReGenerating Community Conference is about ways in which global issues are being addressed locally through collaborations between artists, communities and local government. This conference will discuss local government's creation of new models of civic engagement. Arts are the focus. Examples of arts based projects tackling the big issues through community cultural engagement are the springboard for discussion by leading national and international speakers, commentators, community leaders, officials, politicians, academics and artists. The Generations project and five participating municipal councils will be in the spotlight.

- [Charters Towers Regional Council](#), north Queensland
- [City of Greater Geelong](#), Victoria
- [City of Liverpool](#), NSW
- [Latrobe City](#), Victoria
- [Rural City of Wangaratta](#), Victoria

International speakers are Anmol Vellani, Indian philosopher, theatre director and Executive Director of the India Foundation for the Arts and Lyz Crane, Director of Program Development, Partners for Livable Communities, USA.

Cultural Development Network and RMIT Globalism Research Centre are hosts for a conference that promises to be...regenerating.

Early bird registration is available until Friday August 7.

[www.cdn-generations.net.au/](http://www.cdn-generations.net.au/)



**The fourth annual Local Government Sustainable  
Development Conference**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

This annual peak national local sustainable development conference designed to assist local government practitioners to identify, plan and implement best practice sustainable development solutions, particularly related to reducing the carbon footprint. It will showcase leading edge examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local governments.

Key speakers will include:-

- Geoff Lake, President, Australian Local Government Association
- Cr Geoff Ablett, Mayor, City of Casey
- Stephen Sawtell, General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Council
- Nick Bailey, Manager, Local Government, Sustainability Victoria
- John Gertsakis, Executive Officer, Product Stewardship Australia
- Steve Harrison, Director, Business & Economic Development, City of Prospect

Topics will include:

- Expert analysis of Local Government's emissions trading obligations
- Climate change and energy efficiency
- Integrating sustainability into economic imperatives
- Practical approaches to water management
- Sustainable planning and urban design
- Waste management and resource recovery
- Community engagement in environmental initiatives
- Green purchasing and procurement

For further information, or to register for the Conference, go to [www.halledit.com.au/lgsd09](http://www.halledit.com.au/lgsd09) or contact Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or [denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au](mailto:denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au)

### Forthcoming events

*For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's [Events calendar](#).*

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- 13 - 14 August 2009 Local Government Technology Solutions Conference
- 14 August 2009 Swine Flu Pandemic - Melbourne
- 18 - 21 August 2009 Australian Copyright Council training sessions
- 18 - 19 August 2009 Estimating Sea-level rise in an Uncertain Future
- 19 - 20 August 2009 Australian Economic Forum
- 20 - 21 August 2009 Local Government Web Network Conference 2009
- 20 - 21 August 2009 Accounting for Carbon
- 21 August 2009 Swine Flu Pandemic - Sydney
- 24 - 27 August 2009 113th LGAO Annual Conference
- 25 - 26 August 2009 Linking Indigenous Policy with Service Delivery

## ALGA NEWSLETTER - 14 August 2009

### Minister Wong vows to press ahead with Emissions Trading Scheme



The Government's emissions trading laws have been voted down in the Senate by all non-Government senators.

Yesterday's vote provides the Government with a potential double dissolution election trigger if it waits three months to re-introduce the legislation and it is again defeated.

Climate Change Minister Senator Penny Wong vowed to press on with getting the scheme passed and said it would be brought back into the Parliament before the end of the year. The Government wanted the bill to pass before international climate change negotiations in Copenhagen in December.

"It's not smart to pretend this won't leave us isolated from the rest of the world, and it's not smart to undermine our transition to a low-carbon economy," Senator Wong said. "This bill may be going down today, but this is not the end."

The future of the legislation is uncertain with the Greens upholding their position that the emissions cut target is too low at 5% and the Opposition saying the scheme, which they will not support without amendments, should not be finalised until after the Copenhagen talks. Speaking at the National Press Club earlier in the week, Senator Wong said that the Government would support reasonable amendments to its scheme but criticised a proposed model by Frontier Economics. "It's not a hybrid, it's a mongrel. It is not a credible alternative, it is a smokescreen," she said, underlying the urgency of acting. "Now, all we have is a small window to reduce the seriousness of climate change - and that window will not stay open for long. The need to act is patent. It is in everybody's interest. Australians demand it."

The Australian Local Government Association supports an emissions trading scheme and has proposed programs in its 2009-10 Budget Submission to enable councils to build capacity, adapt locally and plan for the future.

### Landmark planning initiative



Planning that prioritises walking, cycling and public transport ahead of motor cars is the centrepiece of *Healthy Spaces and Places*, a major national initiative, unveiled on Wednesday at the annual Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP) Summit at Parliament House Canberra.

In an Australian first, health, local government, planning and design experts have worked together to produce a national guide for creating sustainable communities in which healthy living is a key priority.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and announced by the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery, Warren Snowden, *Healthy Spaces and Places* is a unique collaboration between the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the National Heart Foundation of Australia and the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA).

ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake said the recent announcement by the Australian Government of the \$1 billion Community Infrastructure Program underlines the importance of designing and creating healthy environments to nurture active and vibrant communities.

"I strongly believe councils and governments can work together to plan sensitive, well-designed facilities and public spaces that will meet the needs of local residents now and into the future," he said. "Healthy Spaces and Places achieves this important goal."

For more information about *Healthy Spaces and Places*, go to: [www.healthyplaces.org.au](http://www.healthyplaces.org.au)

### The challenge of our growing cities



The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, has identified the need to develop an urban policy as a pressing issue for our nation. "The Commonwealth's recent exile from the urban policy arena has ended," he said in an address to the 'Partnerships 09 - Infrastructure and Investment Conference' in Sydney last Friday.

"The need to pay attention to the state of our cities is more urgent than ever...we must confront the challenge of ensuring we develop sustainable cities for the future. An important step will be the development of a comprehensive National Urban Policy. Australia needs a policy framework that will assist the Commonwealth, the states and territories and local governments create productive, liveable and sustainable cities. These are the objectives of the Major Cities Unit."

Minister Albanese said the Federal Government was taking an integrated approach to urban and regional development. He nominated the big urban challenges to be overcome as:

- Maintaining our egalitarian way of life
- Beating the problem of traffic congestion
- City affordability
- Housing design; and
- Public health

The Minister said Infrastructure Australia and COAG were making progress to address some of these challenges, as were some of the States in concert with capital cities. ALGA is represented on the COAG Cities, Infrastructure and Planning Taskforce.

"The next necessity, though, is for a national policy framework that can build on and accelerate successes like these," he said. "The big problem in essence is the lack of a consistency national policy focus." Minister Albanese said he expected the main context of the National Urban Policy to be completed in the coming year, with targeted consultations well under way. However he urged the major players such as property developers, state and local governments to begin maximising the development potential of middle suburbs, not just the inner cities. "And for large infrastructure developers, the challenge is to move into the area of public transport, not just road construction, embrace the challenges of energy and water scarcity as opportunities...and set Australia at the forefront of responding to climate change." Minister Albanese urged those present to "realise where the future lies, anticipate the changes it will bring, and get ahead of the game."

## From the President

This week ALGA participated in the launch of the *Healthy Spaces and Places* national planning guide by Minister Warren Snowden, Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery. The guide is an Australian first because it has brought together local government representatives, health professionals and planning and design experts to produce a practical and easy-to-use web-based guide for creating sustainable communities in which healthy living is a key priority.

Once again, local government is at the cutting edge of innovative policy and program solutions - in this case, to help tackle Australia's rising obesity and health disease levels.

According to official figures, Australia has unprecedented levels of preventable disease with cardiovascular disease killing one Australian almost every 10 minutes. This disease affects more than 3.7 million Australians in all parts of the nation and according to the National Heart Foundation, prevents 1.4 million of us from living a full life because of disability caused by the disease.

About half of all Australians are either overweight or obese or in a high risk category. Even more troubling is that up to one in four children fall into these categories. It is a problem that requires urgent attention.

But like many issues in our society, there is no single solution or single level of government that can completely address the problem of Australia's rising obesity levels. Instead, a co-operative approach is required amongst the three levels of government, underpinned by agency collaboration and meaningful investment in preventative health measures.

All over Australia, local councils can work to deliver initiatives for their communities that can help reverse obesity trends, prevent disease, restore overall mental and physical health and wellbeing and promote the benefits of good nutrition and exercise. In *Healthy Spaces and Places*, ALGA has worked collaboratively with other national peak bodies - the National Heart Foundation and the Planning Institute of Australia - to identify ways in which planning can help produce built environments that encourage people to be fit, active, healthy and mentally and emotionally secure. The *Healthy Spaces and Places* national planning guide encapsulates the philosophy that 'prevention is better than cure'.

The importance of investing in preventative health cannot be over-estimated. ALGA acknowledges the financial support provided by the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing but is disappointed that the Australian Government has not committed further funds to the project at this time. Further funding would allow the national planning guide to be implemented 'on the ground' in local communities and would enable specific training to be delivered to built environment professionals so they can work with government decision-makers to produce better health outcomes for all Australians.

At a time when the Australian Government is considering the recommendations contained in reports from the Parliamentary Inquiry into obesity, the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission and the National Preventative Health Taskforce on how to reform health spending and systems, *Healthy Spaces and Places* warrants further consideration.

Cr Geoff Lake  
ALGA President

## Oil spill

The Australian and Queensland Governments have struck an agreement with Swire Shipping over financial issues relating to the oil spill from the *Pacific Adventurer* off the Queensland coast earlier this year. Under the agreement, Swire Shipping will provide \$25 million for compensation of valid claims arising from the oil spill, towards a court administered limitation fund and a donation to a trust specially established to help improve marine protection and maritime safety. All valid private claimants and local governments will be given full priority for compensation through the court administered limitation fund.

## Web Forums

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Lindsay Tanner, and the Special Minister of State, Senator Joe Ludwig, has announced the formation of a Taskforce (<http://gov2.net.au/>) to investigate how the Australian Government can use new 'Web 2.0' approaches to expand the uses of Commonwealth information and improve the way government consults and engages with citizens.

The Government 2.0 Taskforce will make recommendations for government policy and fund projects which offer promise in accelerating the coming of Government 2.0.

The Taskforce seeks input through a series of open forums, in each capital city over the next few weeks. The Taskforce is seeking input from a range of audience groups - government, industry, academics, NGOs and interested others.

In order to disseminate the forum as widely as possible, we would be grateful if you would forward this invitation to others in your network who may be interested in attending.

### *Melbourne*

**When:** Wednesday 19th August 2009, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Where:** Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

**RSVP:** by midday Monday 17th August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Sydney*

**When:** Thursday 20th August 2009, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Where:** Smith Room, Wesley Conference Centre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney

**RSVP:** by midday Tuesday 18th August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Brisbane*

**When:** Tuesday 25th August 2009, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Where:** Central Eagle Street, 175 Eagle Street, Brisbane

**RSVP:** by midday Friday 21st August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Perth*

**When:** Thursday 27th August 2009, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Where:** Collins Street Centre, Corner Collins St & Shaftesbury St, South Perth

**RSVP:** by midday Tuesday 25th August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Adelaide*

**When:** Tuesday 1st September 2009, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Where:** Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road, Unley

**RSVP:** by midday Friday 28th August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Darwin*

**When:** Wednesday 2nd September 2009, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Where:** Red 6.1.0.3 Charles Darwin University, Ellengowan Drive, Brinkin

**RSVP:** by midday Monday 31st August 2009 - please provide your name, organisation and contact details to [gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au](mailto:gov2secretariat@finance.gov.au)

### *Hobart*

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Further information on the events is available at <http://gov2.net.au/roadshows/>

## **Council on homelessness**

During National Homeless Persons Week, the Australian Government has announced the appointment of Mr Tony Nicholson, Executive Director, Brotherhood of St Laurence to chair the Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness.

The Council will provide independent strategic advice critical to the early years of implementing the Government's White Paper on Homelessness, *The Road Home*, and monitor its progress towards the goal of halving homelessness by 2020. The first meeting of the Council will be held in August 2009.

## **Litter index**

The annual National Litter Index results released this week show a slight reduction in the national average, yet highlight some trouble spots.

The National Litter Index is Australia's only national, annual, quantitative measure of litter, providing reliable base line data on litter across Australia, assisting governments, businesses and community organisations in the development of policies and programs that will reduce litter across Australian communities.

The findings of the 2009 report show that Victoria performed best overall, whilst Queensland showed the highest reduction in litter items in comparison to last year. The report shows that industrial areas, retail sites and highways are the major areas affected by litter. The states' performances are variable:

- NT showed a disappointing increase in litter at retail sites, car parks and beaches being the trouble locations. Of concern was a spike in the proportion of plastic litter items reported.
- WA was slightly up on items with retail sites, car parks and shopping centres being the highest areas to increase. Encouragingly, there was a substantial decline in litter found at industrial sites.
- SA has recorded a steady decrease in litter items.
- TAS showed a disappointing increase in litter items, primarily within industrial areas. An increase was also recorded in plastic food containers and utensils.
- VIC showed significant decrease in litter, indicating the 'Dob in a Litterer' campaign may be influencing behaviour in this state. Significant reduction in industrial site litter was also recorded.

- ACT showed an overall downward trend, with the exception of retail sites, which have increased. Unfortunately the number of plastic items has increased from last year.
- NSW showed an overall decrease in litter items, with a slight increase in paper / cardboard litter and alcoholic glass bottles.
- QLD was significantly down in items, showing a high reduction in litter overall.

Cigarette butts, although down from last year, are still the most pervasive litter item, recording an average 30 butts per 1000m<sup>2</sup>. Plastic litter, such as plastic food containers and plastic utensils, follow close behind. Illegal dumping, slightly down from last year, continued to contribute the most to litter volume nationally.

"We call on all Australian's to do the right thing and put litter in the bin. We ask everyone to also take part in Keep Australia Beautiful Week which kicks off on Monday 24 August. The theme 'Waste Lives On' is a reminder to reduce litter and increase recycling - something we can all do", Scott Lyall added.

To download the National or State reports visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au) and click on the litter research section.

### Built environment

Close to 200 delegates attended the third Built Environment Meets Parliament (BEMP) summit held at the Parliament House in Canberra. BEMP is an initiative of the Planning Institute of Australia, Property Council of Australia, Green building Council Australia, the Australian Institute of Architects and the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia. The summit attracted a range of built environment professionals, academics and parliamentarians that were united in discussing what Australia needs to do both immediately and in the longer term to advance the nation's prosperity and quality of life and to create a sustainable future.

BEMP 2009 focussed on how the building, development, planning and design sectors, in partnership with governments can contribute to planning for sustainable communities and provide a strong foundation for future prosperity. The key summit themes concluded the challenges of achieving prosperity, liveability, sustainability and partnerships. The participants were in general agreement that whilst the Australian Government needs to take a stronger leadership role in the nation's overarching planning, local government had an equally important and relevant role to play in delivering the sort of communities that were sustainable in the true meaning of the term. Key Ministers that presented at the summit were Ministers Tanner, Plibersek, Shorten, Garrett and Carr. Panellists included Greens Senator Christine Milne, Opposition Local Government Minister Scott Morrison, and Greg Hunt and Bruce Billson who debated and shared their views on what needs to be done to create a stronger built environment. Key announcements made at the summit included Environment Minister Peter Garrett agreeing to establish a Built Environment Sustainability Roundtable and Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek announcing the opening on 1 September of the third round of the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

A highlight of the summit was the awards night on Tuesday where the winners of Australia's most prestigious award for excellence and innovation in urban design were announced. The Australian Award for Urban Design highlights the best of design in the built environment and acknowledges the critical role of good urban design in the development of our towns and cities.

This year there were two major Winners as well as a Commendation.

**AWARD WINNER 1**

*Presented to:*

Tonkin Zulaikha Greer Architects with James Mather Delaney Design and City of Sydney for *Paddington Reservoir Gardens*

**AWARD WINNER 2**

*Presented to:*

City of Melbourne and Victorian Department of Transport for *Transforming Australian Cities*

**COMMENDATION**

*Presented to:*

City of Sydney for *Sustainable Sydney 2030 - The Vision*

### Freight Rail Productivity Review

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released the final report of the Freight Rail Productivity Review.

The review was aimed at:

- understanding the role of rail within Australia's transport system;
- identifying productivity impediments within the freight rail sector; and
- developing recommendations for government to effectively intervene in the rail sector to improve outcomes for the transport system as a whole.

The Review found that there is a role for government in addressing productivity impediments in the rail sector and that as a high priority, governments should:

- develop more coordinated and transparent frameworks to facilitate planning and investment within the rail industry and build on the planning and investment already undertaken by governments individually;
- work with industry to ensure that policy objectives for funding being provided are being met. This will require reciprocal obligations from industry in terms of ensuring government subsidies are used efficiently and providing adequate information to governments regarding funding outcomes and expected future investment requirements;
- improve efficiency across the transport sector through the progression of the COAG Road Reform Plan and development of a nationally consistent regulatory model for access to strategically important terminals;
- continue to work towards implementation of a single national rail safety regulator and investigator to deliver a nationally consistent rail safety regulatory framework; and
- develop comprehensive productivity indicators for the rail sector.

The Review also found that industry can also play a strong role in improving productivity through developing and adhering to technical, operational and environmental industry standards and guidelines; and working to improve coordination along the supply chain.

NTC Chief Executive Mr Dimopoulos said further reform is essential to ensure rail plays its part in servicing the growing land freight task safely and sustainably.

"Freight customers want a rail option that better meets their needs," he said.

"While the review focussed on freight rail productivity, it found that we can improve national policies and planning so all transport modes work smarter together and compete on their own merits.

"A focus on productivity reform will deliver a growing rail freight system, with better track speeds, quicker transit times, higher axle weights, improved service and reliability.

"The end result will be more competitive exports and lower cost products on supermarket shelves."

Key recommendations in the Review include:

- clear national objectives and policies to plan and develop the right infrastructure;
- certainty and transparency of government subsidies to rail;
- explore options for more nationally consistent rail pricing and access regulation;
- open access regulation for key strategically-located rail terminals;
- long-term pricing reform so truck charges do not unfairly disadvantage rail;
- industry-led coordination of freight movements along the supply chain; and
- better performance measures for rail.

The final report can be down loaded from: [Freight Rail Productivity Review Final Position Paper](#)

### **Local Government and Planning Ministers**

ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake represented ALGA at the fourth Local Government and Planning Ministers (LGPM) Development Assessment reform sub group meeting held in Sydney on Tuesday. The sub group, chaired by SA Planning Minister Paul Holloway is leading a key piece of work requested by COAG to achieve significant improvements to Australia's diverse yet critically important regulatory planning systems. The five projects that comprise the future eDA implementation roadmap are: national performance management system, a national code (residential) template, an overarching framework incorporating national planning system principles and an evaluation analysis of the benefits that national DA reform may deliver the nation over time. The sub group received several progress reports from the responsible jurisdictions and agreed to meet again at the end of the month via teleconference to confirm precisely what will be able to be presented to LGPM at their upcoming meeting in Darwin on the 8 October. Planning Ministers have been requested to provide COAG with a detailed briefing of progress by the end of this year. Given the ambitious work program and tight time frames, especially considering that virtually all Australian states and territories are going through their own major planning reforms, officials and their consultants are working over time to meet COAG's expectations.

### **Emergency Management**

Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, has released the Australian Emergency Management Arrangements (AEMA).

The Arrangements provide an overview of how Federal, State, Territory and Local Governments collectively approach the management of emergencies, including catastrophic disaster events.

A copy of the Arrangements can be found on the Emergency Management Australia [website](#).

### Young Australia

Releasing some of the findings of a new report - the State of Australia's Young People - Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis, told the National Press Club that the report "raises some serious alarm bells about the health and state of mind of our young people - highlighting issues of self-harm, negative body image, cyber bullying and skyrocketing rates of violence as key areas of concern."

Minister Ellis was addressing the National Press Club on 11 August, a day ahead of International Youth Day.

The statistics on the extent of some of the report's problem areas highlight the role of prevention and early intervention.

Sixty four per cent of mental illness begins before 21 and 40 per cent of young people aged 16-24 experience a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. Mental illness in young people "has risen to a level of severity not faced by any generation that has gone before", she said, leading the Government to nearly double its investment in youth-specific mental health programs over the next 4 years.

Teenagers 15-19 had the highest hospitalisation rates for acute intoxication from alcohol among all age groups. Hospitalisation rates for intentional self-harm among young people increased by 43 per cent between 1996 and 2006.

Cyber bullying, because it is insidious in nature, means that the sanctity of the family home is not longer a guaranteed safe haven for the school bully who can access social networks 24/7. The Government has announced a \$3m national pilot program to address cyber-bullying in schools.

Minister Ellis' message was that government needs to act on the serious issues facing young people today. She referred to discussions between the Minister for Infrastructure, Anthony Albanese, and local governments about a "wish list" of community facilities which could not be provided due to the lack of funding. Government infrastructure funding has now allowed local governments to build those facilities, strengthen communities and provide young people with access to facilities.

### Corporate ladder trips women

Chief Executive Women (CEW)'s white paper, 'The business Case for Women as Leaders', summarises the considerable body of research that supports the link between profitability and greater numbers of women at the top of organisations. It also advocates a significant effort to boost numbers. The report finds three myths surrounding women in leadership: that equal opportunity policies eliminate gender bias (which is so deeply entrenched, a complex approach is needed); the best way to promote diversity is the treat all people the same way (this ignores the stereotyping that goes on); and family demands are the main reason women do not enter leadership positions. With 45% of Australian companies having no women at all on the executive team, and Australia slipping from 17 to 21 on the World Economic Forum's annual Global Gender Gap Index, the signs are that despite increasing workforce participation, the representation of women at the top is getting worse rather than better.

## Taxpayer objections

The Assistant Treasurer, Senator Nick Sherry, has released the Inspector-General of Taxation's report of his *Review into the Underlying Causes and the Management of Objections to Tax Office Decisions*.

The Review sought to identify changes that would improve the efficiency, effectiveness and fairness of the objections process as part of the IGT's wider examination of the Tax Office's approach to settling and finalising issues with taxpayers.

## Innovation and government

Dr Terry Cutler, chair of the recent review of the National Innovation System, shared his findings and thoughts on innovation in government and business at an Oracle Australia executive seminar held in Canberra this week.

Dr Cutler's insights into innovation had relevance for local government. 'We are all players,' he said. Innovation had the potential to increase competitiveness, productivity and the well-being of the community and was important for service delivery in areas such as health, education, community services and increasingly for issues such as climate change, food and water security. The four strategies identified by Dr Cutler were:

- Entrepreneurial innovation - organisation and workplaces;
- People innovation - talent pool and turning human capital into social capital through networking;
- Information and knowledge flows fuel innovation; and
- Global integration - systemic innovation - these are transdisciplinary and transnational problems

He described the challenges facing Australia as:

- Being market-facing - finding solutions for market problems
- Skills agenda - workplace innovation, lifelong learning and on the job training
- Whole of government coordination - taking a holistic view of innovation challenges
- A spotlight on the public sector
- Developing national innovation policies and strategies (identifying who is responsible for solving the problems)

The Government responded to Dr Cutler's report 'Venturous Australia - Building Strength in Innovation' with a white paper earlier this year and significant measures were introduced such as changes to r&d tax concessions, investment in superscience and emerging technology and the National Broadband Network - 'a crucial platform for Australia in a digital world.'

### *Quote of the week*

"My grandfather (a municipal engineer) told me doctors can diagnose dysentery but engineers build the solutions. I have a great respect for engineers." -

*ABC TV journalist Michael Sexton, accepting the Engineers Australia and National Press Club Award this week which recognises excellence in engineering journalism.*

*International news* 

The 'Journal of Public Health Policy' has outlined clear evidence of the links between the physical environment and health where environments conducive to walking and other forms of physical activity can lead to improved overall population health and reduce the risk of chronic disease. In England, the environment has been a key focus of recent public health policy and recent guidance from the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) on a public health program to modify environmental factors to promote physical activity has been developed. This study reports on field testing of the guidance to understand the views of the main professions affected; town planners and transport professionals.

The central questions in this study were:

- How can evidence-based public health guidance influence the work of town planning and transport professionals?
- How do town planning and transport professionals view evidence-based public health guidance?
- How do town planning and transport professionals understand the link between national guidance and existing legislation and policy?

The researchers used a key informant 'snowball' sampling technique to recruit 76 participants from the main professional planning organisations, such as architects, transport and urban planners, facility managers and school staff, from across England who were interviewed in eight focus groups. Interview data was qualitatively analysed.

Results indicated that evidence-based public health guidance is seen as a 'new voice' in urban and town planning, despite much of the advice being already reflected by the 'accepted wisdom' within these professions. Overall, evidence-based public health advice has potential to be a powerful driver affecting planning practice, but other legislated planning guidance may currently be of higher priority for these professionals.

These findings from England can be usefully transferred to the health, transport and urban planning sectors in Australia and serve as a driver to enhance partnership working across these groups and make the case for physical activity promotion and its necessary funding. The results emphasise the emergence of public health policy related to the environment yet highlight that this is the first step in a necessary larger process. Guidance needs to be effectively embedded in physical environment policy development, for example by becoming part of planning legislation, to have the greatest impact in improving population health.



**National Economic Development  
Conference 2009**  
Tuesday 29 September and Wednesday 30  
September  
Sebel Hotel, Albert Park, Melbourne

The National Economic Development Conference (NEDC) 2009 will focus on ways in which local government, regional development bodies and the private sector can work collaboratively and fruitfully together to grow and retain jobs within their municipalities and regions.

Hosted by **Economic Development Australia**, the NEDC is the peak annual event for economic development managers and practitioners in local government. The theme of the 2009 conference will be *on collaborative solutions for jobs creation*.

Economic development managers in local government will present case studies of successful collaboration, together with insights into the growth sectors of the economy including green jobs. It will review strategies aimed at revitalizing local economies and techniques to drive job creation in a sustainable environment including examples of successful investment attraction to regional areas.

Private sector experts will join with their local government colleagues to present their findings and insights into enhancing the dynamics of employment growth through creative interactions with their business community.

More than 250 delegates are expected to attend the 2009 conference. A key focus of this conference - as with past conferences - is to actively share the learning experiences in economic development, and to promote a cross-pollination of ideas and experiences.

To for more information about the conference and to register, please visit [www.halledit.com.au/ed09](http://www.halledit.com.au/ed09) or email Denise McQueen [denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au](mailto:denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au) or tel 03 8534 5021



## SMART Government Technology 2009

Date: 15th - 16th October

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

The two-day **Smart Government Technology** conference is an opportunity for local government to hear from leading experts in local, state and federal governments about significant new developments in information technology, communications and e-government that have begun to transform the delivery of services.

Case studies of customer service and technology productivity improvements, together with cost savings will be presented by public and private sector experts. An accompanying exhibition will provide an opportunity to view leading suppliers of ICT and e-government technology. The Summit will feature over 20 experts in the latest ICT and e-government technology, including:

Speakers include:

- Linda Shave, Information, Integration and Compliance Manager, City of Ryde
- Bob Correll, Deputy Secretary & Chief Information Officer, Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Dr Bill Petreski, Principal Advisor, ICT Electronics & Electrical Sectors, AiGroup Limited
- Mike Sibly, General Manager OES Content and Services Delivery, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- Peter Flemming, Chief Executive Officer, National e-Health Transition Authority

Please [click here to download the full programme](#) or [visit our website](#) to see the full list of speakers



The fourth annual Local Government Sustainable  
Development Conference  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

This annual peak national local sustainable development conference designed to assist local government practitioners to identify, plan and implement best practice sustainable development solutions, particularly related to reducing the carbon footprint. It will showcase leading edge examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local governments.

Key speakers will include:-

- Geoff Lake, President, Australian Local Government Association
- Cr Geoff Ablett, Mayor, City of Casey
- Stephen Sawtell, General Manager, Coffs Harbour City Council
- Nick Bailey, Manager, Local Government, Sustainability Victoria
- John Gertsakis, Executive Officer, Product Stewardship Australia
- Steve Harrison, Director, Business & Economic Development, City of Prospect

Topics will include:

- Expert analysis of Local Government's emissions trading obligations
- Climate change and energy efficiency
- Integrating sustainability into economic imperatives
- Practical approaches to water management
- Sustainable planning and urban design
- Waste management and resource recovery
- Community engagement in environmental initiatives
- Green purchasing and procurement

### Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's [Events calendar](#).

- 14 August 2009 [Swine Flu Pandemic - Melbourne](#)
- 18 - 21 August 2009 [Australian Copyright Council training sessions](#)
- 18 - 19 August 2009 [Estimating Sea-level rise in an Uncertain Future](#)
- 19 - 20 August 2009 [Australian Economic Forum](#)
- 20 - 21 August 2009 [Local Government Web Network Conference 2009](#)
- 20 - 21 August 2009 [Accounting for Carbon](#)
- 21 August 2009 [Swine Flu Pandemic - Sydney](#)
- 24 - 27 August 2009 [113th LGAQ Annual Conference](#)
- 25 - 26 August 2009 [Linking Indigenous Policy with Service Delivery](#)
- 26 - 28 August 2009 [3rd National Landfill and Transfer Stations Conference](#)

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22 July 2009

Dear Premier

**Support for tourism precinct for Armadale**

I recently met with representatives from the City of Armadale, including Mr Linton Reynolds, Mayor, to discuss a number of local issues. One of the issues raised was extended retail trading hours. While the City of Armadale indicated that they are happy with extended trading hours on weeknights, Council would prefer the deregulation of trading hours on Sundays. I have given my support to this initiative, and would like to bring it to your attention.

Armadale functions as a major regional centre, particularly for a large number of people who access the region from the wheatbelt. Three major arterial roads (Brookton Highway, South Western Highway and Albany Highway) converge in Armadale. Many people use Armadale as their regional centre and would greatly benefit from being able to undertake grocery shopping and other purchasing throughout the entire weekend. Sundays are important shopping days for these people.

Please consider the option of declaring Armadale a tourism precinct. I believe this would lead to significant social and economic benefits for the community and the City of Armadale. It is for these reasons that I encourage you to work towards declaring Armadale a tourism precinct at the same time as Joondalup later this year. Please contact my office if there is anything else I can do to support this initiative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Morton".

Hon Helen Morton MLC  
Member for East Metropolitan Region

## Media Release

6 August 2009

### **Council Cooperation on Road Safety**

Cooperation between three Local Governments to ensure their shared road infrastructure remains safe has seen the Shires of Boddington, Collie and Harvey receive awards at the 2009 Roads and Transport Forum held yesterday.

A joint initiative by the WA Local Government Association's RoadWise Program and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (WA Division), nine WA Local Governments were awarded at the Forum for their innovation and practice in the area of road safety.

WALGA President, Cr Bill Mitchell said that all recipients should be congratulated for their commitment to road safety, and their long term vision to see road crashes eliminated as a major cause of premature death in WA. "It is important to note that road safety is not just about behaviours such as drink driving and speeding," Cr Mitchell said.

"As demonstrated by the awards recipients today, a continual dedication to road safety means engaging and educating the community on road safety, encouraging people to purchase safer vehicles, working to achieve reduced travel speeds, and planning for and maintaining safer road networks for the future." To find out how you can get involved in road safety in your community, please visit [www.roadwise.asn.au](http://www.roadwise.asn.au)

The 2009 Local Government Road Safety Award Winners are:

- **Safe Roads and Roadsides Category -**

- Winner (Metro) Town of Cambridge for the Railway Parade/ Southport Street, Roundabout.
- Winner (Rural) Shire of Boddington, Shire of Collie, and Shire of Harvey for the Industry Road Safety Alliance.
- Highly Commended- City of Melville for the Esplanade, Mount Pleasant Upgrade.

- **Safe Travel Speeds Category -**

- Winner (Metro) City of Stirling for Targeting High Travel Speeds in the City of Stirling.
- Winner (Rural) Shire of Plantagenet for Reducing Travel Speeds in the Shire of Plantagenet.

- **Safe Vehicles -**

- Winner Shire of Denmark for the ANCAP/Green Fleet Purchasing Policy

- **Safe Road User Behaviour -**

- Winner (Metro) City of Joondalup for the School Road Safety Art Competition
- Winner (Rural) Shire of Boddington, Shire of Collie, and Shire of Harvey for the Industry Road Safety Alliance

- **Joe North Award -**

- Cr Elsie Archer.

## Media Release

6 August 2009

### 'Golden Opportunity' Wins Council Competition

Artwork depicting undulating hilltops under a clear blue sky has been judged the overall winner in this year's Banners in the Terrace Competition.

The Shire of Boddington entry, which also won the Best Community Group category award, is one of 68 banners produced to represent WA Local Governments that are currently on display along St Georges Terrace and Adelaide Terrace until Saturday, 15 August.

Now in its seventeenth year, the popular competition coincides with the WA Local Government Association's annual Local Government Convention, which this year focuses on renewal and innovation.

WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Ricky Burges congratulated all entrants on the creativity of the artwork featured in this year's display, and said the Shire of Boddington entry had been judged the overall winner for the story it told.

"This beautifully painted banner portrays a story of optimism and tranquillity, and was unanimously chosen as the overall winner of this year's competition," Ms Burges said.

"The simplistic but effective artwork immediately draws the viewer in to follow the golden road of opportunity, and really does make you want to visit the place."

Category winners in this year's Banners in the Terrace Competition are:

- Best Junior Primary School: Shire of Mullewa
- Best Upper Primary School: Shire of Mount Marshall
- Best Secondary School: Shire of Boyup Brook
- Best Community Group (and Overall Winner): Shire of Boddington
- Best Digital/Professional: Shire of Denmark

High commendations were also awarded to the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Manjimup in the categories of Upper Primary School and Secondary School.

This year's Local Government Convention has attracted more than 600 delegates and features local and international speakers including US writer and entrepreneur Frans Johansson, UK Climate Change and Energy Consultant, Allan Jones, and former AFL Footballer and Bali bombing survivor, Jason McCartney.

The Banners in the Terrace Competition is sponsored by the City of Perth who accommodate the display each year in the city centre.

## Media Release

**8 August 2009**

### **Fewer than 100 Councils: Premier**

Reform of Local Government was given some long overdue direction today when the Premier addressed an annual meeting of representatives from across the State.

Speaking to the WA Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting, Premier Colin Barnett said he believed the number of Councils needed to be cut from 139 to fewer than 100, "perhaps significantly less".

The AGM wound up the four-day annual Local Government Convention, held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and attended by almost 600 Elected Members and staff.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell urged the meeting to see the reform process as an opportunity to have a role in ensuring the long term sustainability of service provision in their communities.

He said that WALGA remained committed to voluntary reform of the sector without the need for State Government to force amalgamations of Councils.

"The Premier has given some direction today that he believes that Western Australia requires fewer than 100 Local Governments," Cr Mitchell said.

"This detail alone helps the sector have some understanding of what is expected of them from the State Government's reform process.

"However the process of reform needs to continue to be voluntary to ensure that changes are supported by the community and are sustainable in the long term."

Also at the AGM, the Premier agreed to renew the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement, which has not been formalised since the end of the Gallop Government.

The Partnership Agreement commits the State Government to meet and consult with the Local Government sector ahead of policy and operational decisions that could impact the sector.

"It is time for the State Government to again see Local Government as a partner in delivering services to the community and I welcome the Premier's leadership on this," Cr Mitchell said.

## Media Release

10 August 2009

### Lifetime of Commitment Recognised

More than half a century of collective service to Local Government has seen two Councillors recognised with Life Membership to the WA Local Government Association at the annual WA Local Government Convention last week.

President James Cook from the Shire of Morawa and Mayor Ron Norris from the Town of Mosman Park both received the prestigious award, along with 51 other Local Government Members who were honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation, Long and Loyal Service Award, or Distinguished Service Award.

WALGA President, Cr Bill Mitchell said the annual Local Government Honours Awards recognise those who have gone above and beyond their normal position requirements in order to better serve the community and the Local Government sector.

"More often than not it's the unsung heroes that quietly go about their business and achieve extraordinary things that go unrecognised, so we take great pleasure in being able to present these awards each year," Cr Mitchell said.

Elected to Council in 1984 and elected Shire President in 1992, Cr Cook is the longest serving Shire President in the history of the Morawa Shire, whilst Mayor Norris is highly regarded as an enthusiastic leader who has been serving Local Government since he was first elected in 1979.

In addition to the Life Memberships, the following Honours were awarded:

#### Life Membership

President Jim Cook, Shire of Morawa  
Mayor Ronald Norris, Town of Mosman Park  
Certificate of Appreciation  
Cr William Dinnie, Shire of Dalwallinu  
Cr John Sewell, City of Geraldton-Greenough  
Mr Gavin Watters, Shire of Swan, EMRC  
Long and Loyal Service Award  
Cr Bruce Altham, Shire of Kent  
Mr Daniel Bignell, former Shire of Broomehill  
Cr Barbara Black, Shire of Quairading  
Mrs Marion Blair, City of Belmont  
Cr David Boulter, Shire of Nannup  
Cr Beverly Bracknell, Shire of Dumbleyung  
Cr Dawson Bradford, Shire of Cuballing  
Cr Jennifer Brown, Shire of Cuballing  
Cr Kim Bunce, Shire of West Arthur  
Cr Ken Clements, Shire of Plantagenet  
Cr Paul Clements, City of Subiaco  
Mr Allen Cooper, Shire of East Pilbara  
Cr Ray Curo, Shire of Manjimup  
Cr Murray Curti, Shire of Manjimup  
Cr David Lucas, City of Swan  
President Noel Nancarrow, Shire of Murray  
Cr Gary North, Shire of Morawa  
President Graham Cooper, Shire of Cunderdin

President Barbara Dunnet, Shire of Nannup  
President Nola Forbes, Shire of Corrigin  
Cr Robert Fulwood, Shire of Cunderdin  
Cr Anita Grace, Shire of East Pilbara  
Cr Bruce Hearman, Shire of Donnybrook- Balingup  
Mr Gregory Holly, former Shire of Broomehill  
Cr Neale Johnson, Shire of Leonora  
Cr John McNamara, City of Swan  
Cr Veronica Melville-Levay, Town of Mosman Park  
Cr Jeff Moir, Shire of Plantagenet  
President Robyn Parsons, Shire of Irwin  
Cr John Price, Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale  
Cr Michael Skinner, Shire of Plantagenet  
Cr Judith Tomlinson, Shire of Chittering  
Cr Margaret Davey, Shire of Goomalling  
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Cr Clive Gibsone, Shire of Cunderdin  
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Kimberley  
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Jarrahdale  
President Denyse Needham, Shire of Serpentine-  
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Cr Wally Barrett, Shire of Murray  
Cr Len Cargeeg, Shire of Mt Marshall  
Mayor Ian Carpenter, City of Geraldton-  
Greenough

Cr Rod Carter, Shire of Cunderdin  
Cr Bev Clarke, Shire of Busselton  
Mr Alan Richardson, City of Belmont  
President Kevin Forbes AM, Shire of Plantagenet

## Media Release

13 August 2009

### **Council Elections back in Community Control**

The potential for major political parties to manipulate Council elections has been dealt a blow following legislation to return to the first-past-the-post voting system being passed by State Parliament last night.

Having lapsed previously, the legislation had only two days of sitting time to be passed before it impacted on electoral requirements and would fail to be in place for the October Council elections.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell applauded Local Government Minister John Castrilli for pushing through the change from the proportional preferential voting system (PPV).

"There was very little time and significant resistance from the various government departments to have this change made in time for the October elections but the Minister has pushed through all that," Cr Mitchell said.

"Given that the legislation had lapsed previously and that the timeframe was down to just two days, the Association was preparing the sector to accept that the change would not be made in time.

"Returning to the first-past-the-post system is an important issue for Local Government in Western Australia and is a significant and welcome achievement by the Minister."

First-past-the-post is considered to be more transparent and less able to be manipulated by big political parties than the more complex PPV.

"Under the first-past-the-post system candidates need only to win the support of their local community whereas under the PPV system there is a greater focus on running mates and back room deals that mostly suit the organised, larger political parties," Cr Mitchell said.

"The move back to first-past-the-post returns control of Council elections to the community and lessens the influence and potential manipulation by the major political parties."

Introduced by the previous State Government, the comparatively complex PPV system was used for the 2007 Council elections. At the time, WALGA ran a television and print campaign opposing the introduction of PPV with about 100 WA Councils passing motions objecting to the new system, including more than 40 Councils who passed votes of no confidence in the then Minister.

Cr Mitchell said he hoped the common sense being demonstrated in the return to first-past-the-post would extend to changes to the WA Electoral Commission monopoly on postal voting to open the system to competition, including allowing Local Governments to manage the process.



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Cr Linton Reynolds AM JP  
Mayor  
City of Armadale  
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Dear Cr Reynolds

I am writing to advise you that WA will trial a new emergency warning system in Bedforddale on Sunday 23 August 2009.

Approximately 800 households in this suburb have been selected to participate in the trial as Bedforddale is a high risk area for bushfire and we need to test the system's capacity at a significant number of households. The residents of Bedforddale and local Fire Services have also been highly supportive of the use of new technologies to provide emergency warnings to communities.

On August 23 between 10.30 am and 11.30 am Bedforddale residents with fixed line home phones and mobile phones registered to properties in the trial area will receive a test message as part of a large scale trial of the StateAlert system.

FESA is letting local residents know about the trial in advance via the media, through local advertising and a letter box drop.

Residents who receive the test messages are asked to simply follow any instructions contained in the messages they receive on the day. The system includes reporting technology that will let authorities know whether the messages were successfully sent and received. They do not need to do anything to participate as StateAlert automatically calls fixed landline phones including silent numbers and the billing address for mobiles.

This is the first time there has been a real time live trial of StateAlert using the Integrated Public Number Database (IPND). IPND is an industry database that collects information provided by telecommunications carriers. Emergency authorities can only use the contact information in an emergency to warn communities where lives may be at risk. It is provided under strict guidelines to protect privacy.

State Alert uses mapping software to target specific addresses in a defined area that may be under threat from a rapidly developing emergency. The system can send to an area as small as a suburban block through to an area as large as a local government shire/city. Web-based technology is used to deliver the message through multiple communication channels simultaneously.

StateAlert was developed by FESA and WA Police on behalf of the State Government. It will only be used when the relevant emergency service or authority determines StateAlert is necessary.



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It will only be used for known hazards and where there is sufficient time to send a warning. StateAlert will not be used for every emergency and individuals may not receive a warning so they will still need to look after their own safety.

All government agencies that manage hazards will continue to make information available on their website, use the media and ABC local radio as well as information lines and call centres. StateAlert is an additional emergency warning tool.

People will also be able to register to receive StateAlert for up to three addresses. The registration process was successfully trialed in 2007 with a small sample in Wundowie.

Once the system has been launched West Australians without a fixed line phone, people who want to select how they receive StateAlerts, or people who wish to register multiple addresses, will be able to register online at [www.statealert.wa.gov.au](http://www.statealert.wa.gov.au). People without internet access or who need help registering will be able to register via a call centre that will be advertised at the time.

Community participation in this trial is very important to the future success of the warning system.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the trial please contact FESA StateAlert Coordinator Mike Klenner on 9323 9813 or email [statealert@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:statealert@fesa.wa.gov.au).

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Harrison Ward'.

**JO HARRISON WARD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

7 August 2009

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## **1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

### **New Staff:**

- ❑ Parks Technical Officer – commences 31/08/2009
- ❑ Building & Health Information Officer (Casual) – commences 31/08/2009

### **Staff Leaving:**

- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator – effective 31/07/2009

### **Other Staff Movements (Internal):**

- ❑ Caretaker seconded to Assistant Crossover Officer position – effective 10/08/2009 (6 months)
- ❑ Administration Assistant appointed to Senior Administration Officer (Leisure Services) position – effective 12/08/2009.

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- ❑ Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- ❑ Engineering Surveyor – position on hold.
- ❑ Indigenous Children & Families Officer (PT) – applications closed 24/07/09, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Indigenous Trainee Business/Clerical Officer – applications closed 24/07/09, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Drafting Officer – applications closed 31/07/09, interviews held 14/08/2009, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Projects Coordinator Contribution Schemes – interviews held 30/07/09, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Senior Administration Officer – recruitment completed.
- ❑ Aquatic Centre Staff – applications close 31/07/09, recruitment progressing.

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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REFERRING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b><u>Redevelopment of Frye Park</u></b> <i>Refer C37/5/07</i>	Technical Services & Community Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following development of Project Plan – expected Q3/09
<b><u>Traffic lights modification cnr Armadale/Nicholson Roads</u></b> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation with MRWA – expected Q3 FY 08/09 – Interim memo provided to Councillors
<b><u>Champion Lakes Development – Issues with Lake Road</u></b> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following work with ARA to determine Lake Rd role in ARA projects – expected Q4 FY 08/09
<b><u>Bus Embayments – Commerce Avenue</u></b> <i>Refer T70/8/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee following presentation by PTA
<b><u>PAW between Lots 64 &amp; 65 Sheoak Place, Armadale</u></b> <i>Refer D108/9/07</i>	Development Services	Lighting improvement and other improvement works – considered as part of 5 Year Works Plan
<b><u>Jull St Mall Maintenance and Refurbishment</u></b> <i>Refer T105/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to the Technical Services Committee – for consideration in the 15 Year Financial Plan deliberations
<b><u>Clifton Hills Primary School – Parking</u></b> <i>Refer T101/11/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee
<b><u>Heron Reserve – POS Funds</u></b> <i>Refer T102/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q2 FY 09/10
<b><u>BBQ facilities CBD and speeding traffic in Jull Street</u></b> <i>Refer T20/3/08</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee

<b><u>Chilli Festival at Araluen Botanic Park</u></b> <i>Refer CS32/3/09</i>	City Strategy	Report to Council – expected Q3/09
<b><u>Clifton Street – Traffic Calming Devices</u></b> <i>Refer T70/8/09</i>	Technical Services	Report to Council

**TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME**  
**July – September 2009**

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**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING No. 303, WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2009**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cr Guenter Best	Mrs Kerry Batt
Mr Ron Withnell	Mr Don Griffiths
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)	Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)
Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Coordinator)	Mrs Penny Versteeg

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Ian Thompson, Mr Kim Sarti, Mr Matt Hamilton

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7.40 pm. Minutes of the meeting held 24th June 2009 accepted as being correct.

Griffiths/ Morcombe Carried.

**VISITOR** – Ms Paula Haro was present to comment on changes to the Strategic Directions Document and to report to Committee that a meeting was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with herself, Mr Ladyman, DEC staff Mr Tony Eddleston, Mr Kevin Pollock and two others and City of Armadale ranger Mr Nathan Hall, to discuss plans for preventative burning in the Wungong Gorge. Mr Gavin Fancote, CFO Bedforddale Volunteer Fire Brigade was invited but did not attend. At that meeting, it was suggested that if little preventative burning has been done in the Gorge since the large wildfire of 1994, that it may be timely for DEC to begin such a programme. Mr Pollock agreed that burning of grasstree skirts to be done in DEC bushland just west and south of the South western corner of Bungendore within weeks as conditions permit. Ms Haro to inform Councillors Best and Tizard.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

1. New Committee Members – Cr Best welcomed Mrs Kerry Batt to the Committee. Mr Matt Hamilton was away.
2. Dieback Corridors – Mr Ladyman has contacted Dieback Treatment Services, to investigate feasibility and costs of extending phosphite treatments to along either side of tracks through dieback free areas. Mr Tuffnell's quote is for \$450 (including GST) per 100 metres treated both sides to a width of 15 metres back from the track. Committee discussed which sections of tracks to treat. Mr Ladyman is to contact Mr Tuffnell to request that he map the dieback free sections of S2, S3 and W1 tracks and recommend which sections to treat with buffer spraying and when.
3. Pig activity – Following contact with Mr Tony Eddleston at the fire meeting with DEC staff, Mr Ladyman to follow up on comments from Mr Eddleston that funding for pig control in the Wungong Gorge is available.
4. Firewood collection – Mr Withnell has reported that there has been illegal firewood collection and cutting down of trees in the dieback-free area on Track 18. Trail bike activity to Bungendore Park in the area around the school is a daily problem. Access for both suspected to be occurring around the Bedforddale Hall area. Mr Withnell to report both issues to Ranger Services. There have also been a number of break-ins at ACC with various foodstuffs stolen. Concern that there may be people camping within Bungendore Park. Mrs Batt to report in writing to Ranger Services her observation of firewood being taken from the Park through the bollard barrier at the end of Blake Street.
5. Protective burn programme and control access – Mr Ladyman spoke recently to Mr Fancote who said that preventative burning would resume as conditions dry up enough. Mr Ladyman yesterday walked around the area accidentally burnt on June 17<sup>th</sup> in the southwest corner of the Park. The burn apparently covered some 18 hectares and was quite a hot burn for June. Back burning was done and the area is quite a good preventative burn.
6. Track trimming – Mr Withnell advised that trimming has been done by students along the Bridal trails from the School north to about the northeast corner of the Park and also along the Honeyeater Hike track. Still to be done from the northeast corner, to the Albany Highway entrance and from there to the northwest corner of the Park .
7. 2009 Revegetation programme – Final arrangements for the 2009 revegetation programme on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July were confirmed. Mattock work for seedling placement to be done on the day

as weather conditions had not allowed Mr Withnell and students from the School to get this done.

8. Strategic Directions Document of Bungendore Park Review – Committee reviewed and accepted City of Armadale's responses to changes to first fifteen pages of the SDD. Copies of responses had been mailed by Mr Ladyman to Committee members on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Morcombe requested that a copy of the amended document to be made available for viewing before adoption by City of Armadale.
9. Voluntary Hours – members logged their hours since last meeting.
10. Volunteer work authorisation – the following motion was put for the ensuing year: *Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required.*  
Moved: Mr Sarti/ Mr Griffiths Carried 28/01/2009.

**Activity since last meeting includes: Mr Ladyman, Keith Hooper, Andrew Williams – barrier construction, Mr Withnell and students – track trimming and patrolling, Mr Griffiths, Ms Stanborough - patrolling**

#### **AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY**

1. Control of Galahs and Eastern Long-billed Corellas in Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti has written to WA Museum to confirm whether these feral species are impacting on obligate hollow breeders etc. before further action can be taken. Still awaiting a response after matter is discussed at the next Threatened Species Recovery Team meeting, which is scheduled for next week.
2. Fence Repairs – Again fences have been cut in the southern boundary near Track 12. Rocks and log emplacements at Gates 6, B, K and J and at Howe Street entrance are intact, however, another log needed there and on the southern boundary. Gate M is down. Mr Ladyman and Mr Thompson still to deal with. The fence is cut between Gates K and J. Gate J has been completely pulled free of the ground and Mr Ladyman to report to Parks and Gardens.
3. Dieback treatment information – Committee agreed a flyer to be prepared. Mr Sarti still to contact Paula Haro re drafting this flyer. Ms Stanborough is prepared to deliver them to neighbours of Bungendore Park.
4. Work at Admiral Road Entrance - Materials have been delivered to the School grounds for storage, with kind permission of Mr Withnell. Committee accepted the quote for construction received from Mr Andrew Williams. Mr Keith Hooper's quote was declined and Mr Ladyman is to inform him. Mr Ladyman is to write to Mr Lanternier with Mr Andrew Williams' quote and a request for extra funds.  
Carried Stanborough/Griffiths
5. Information display frame – Mr Ladyman has not yet provided a suitable display frame for Mr Sarti.
6. Replacement of Gate 'M' – Mr Thompson and Mr Ladyman have temporarily wired up this gate. Mr Withnell offered to assist with the help of students with replacement and ATC with possible provision of two swing gates. Drawings are needed for ATC to proceed with gate manufacture.

#### **GRANTS IN PROGRESS**

1. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005	\$305.35	[XT63]
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 (08S06)	\$6,210	[XT59]
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2009 (07S09)	\$5,010	[XT56]
4. Regional Parks Community Grant 2009 part-funded	\$3,500	[XT57]
5. Environmental Community Grant (Biodiversity) 2009/10	\$6,490	submitted
6. Environmental Community Grant (Regional Parks) 2009/10	\$3,500	submitted
7. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2010	\$4,260	submitted

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Caralyn Lagrange – a letter of thanks from Committee

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**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

City of Armadale – an invitation to comment on Draft Local Biodiversity Strategy Paper  
 DEC - a letter from Keiran MacNamara - WA environment Award nominations – close July 24<sup>th</sup>.  
 Dieback Treatment Services – an email in reply detailing treatment for tracks through dieback free.  
 Email quotes - from A Williams and K Hooper for barrier construction at Admiral road entrance

**INFORMATION RECEIVED**

DEC – bushland news, winter edition

**FINANCE**

W Ladyman – postage and stationery	\$32.10	XT7
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Stanborough/Withnell Carried

**BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr Ladyman attended the BEAC meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Points of interest were:

- Environmental Officer Mr Ron Van Delft’s move to Collie. His successor is not known yet.
- Tour of the Wungong Catchment on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Ms Paula Haro .
- Local Biodiversity Strategy Discussion Paper - open for comment

September Awards event planning, plenary session  
 November annual report, April plenary session planning

Grants directory – <http://grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/>  
 Plenary – Dr Michael Craig to discuss his work at Alcoa to attract animals back (to be deferred).

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

No general business.

2009		Events	Courses available
JUL	26	Planting Day 1pm to 3pm	
SEP	7	Threatened Species Day.	
	10	Water Corp – tour of Wungong Catchment	
	tba	City of Armadale - Bungendore Spring Walk.	
OCT			
NOV	8	Bungendore Bush Breakfast	
DEC	5	BEAC End-of-Year function	

**SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS**

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Meeting declared closed at 9.20 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

Committee Meeting Room 7:30 pm, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009

William Ladyman ( Secretary)

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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<b>Conference Coming Soon!</b> Waste & Recycle Conference 2009	2	The WA Local Government Association has been advocating strongly regarding the unexpected State Government announcement of a 300% increase in the Landfill Levy and the removal of hypothecation of the Levy to waste management activities.	Comments from the survey will be used to inform advocacy and policy review. Given the significant increase to the Levy proposed by the State Government, the Association is also reviewing its Waste Levy and Strategic Waste Funding Policy Statement.
<b>Tender Moments</b> WALGA Preferred Supplier Panel for Legal Services & Preferred Supplier Arrangement for Groundwater Monitoring	2		activities; Support for a zero levy applied to residue material from resource recovery operations; and Clarification on conditions which may effect capacity to pay the Levy.
<b>Days of HHW</b> Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days in August & September	2		
<b>In Case of Emergency</b> MWAC is hosting an emergency planning workshop for waste and recycling	3	The State Government has not indicated if they intend to apply the Levy to the non-metropolitan area in the future.	The survey will close on <b>Friday 7 August</b> . Comments on the reviewed Policy Statement are also due on <b>Friday 7 August</b> .
<b>Hello Hello, Goodbye Goodbye</b> Membership changes at MWAC	3		To comment on the draft Policy Statement or for more information contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or <a href="mailto:jscott@walga.asn.au">jscott@walga.asn.au</a>
<b>Cheesy Appeal</b> SWIS funding for 2009 is open	3	WALGA is therefore seeking the opinion of Local Government on the Levy application to the non-metropolitan area. To access the survey visit the WasteNet website and follow the prompts.	Introduction of a clear statement that Local Government does not want a landfill levy which is not hypothecation to waste management
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## NATIONAL WASTE



Comments on the Framework close **Friday 31 July 2009**. For a copy of the Consultation Paper visit [www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy](http://www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy)

- ◆ Pursuing sustainability;
- ◆ Facilitating investment;
- ◆ Reducing hazards;
- ◆ Reporting on performance; and
- ◆ Tailoring solutions.

The new National Waste Policy Framework is now available for comment from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts. To inform the development of the Policy, a Consultation Paper has been released.

WALGA has developed a Submission on the Framework. The key points outlined in the WALGA Submission included comments on the seven key themes:

- ◆ Taking responsibility;
- ◆ Improving the market;

A copy of the WALGA Submission is available from [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

Any additional comments to Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or [jscott@walga.asn.au](mailto:jscott@walga.asn.au) by **Thursday 30 July 2009**.



## CONFERENCE COMING SOON!



The countdown is on for the Waste & Recycle Conference 2009 (15–18 September). Register now!

Keynote speakers include

- ◆ Dexter Dunphy
- ◆ Lisa Skumatz
- ◆ Sandra Cointreau
- ◆ Peter Leahy

Tours include *The ultimate 'Waste Experience'* –All day

Tuesday 15 September, tour of AWT, MRF and Landfill facilities

*More Power in Bed*—PM Wednesday 15 September, tour of EMRC mattress processing, Red Hill and landfill gas and power facility.

Workshops include *WMAA The Carbon Economy*—AM Tuesday 15 September.

*Managing the Ups and Downs: Contracting for a Risky Business*—PM Tuesday 15 September.

State Waste Strategy Workshop— AM Wednesday 16 September.

Strategic Waste Management Plan Workshop— PM Wednesday 16 September.

Waste to Energy Workshop— PM Wednesday 16 September.

Sponsorship opportunities still available, including the Tropical Cocktail Function and Conference Dinner. This year the Conference get your parrots ready as this years dinner theme will be 'pirates'.

The full program is available from the Waste & Recycle website [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)

A free online carbon calculator will soon be available to work out the environmental impacts of events.



Visit [www.noco2.com.au/acemcarboncalculator](http://www.noco2.com.au/acemcarboncalculator)

(Source: [www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=1003465#](http://www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=1003465#))

## TENDER MOMENTS

### Legal Eagle

WALGA has established its newest Preferred Supplier Panel for the provision of Legal Services. The new Panel will facilitate direct access by Local Governments to legal services providers without having to go to tender. The six suppliers include Kott Gunning, Freehills, Minter Ellison, Jackson McDonald, Woodhouse Legal and Civic Legal.

In addition to saving Local Governments significant

procurement costs, the Legal Services Panel will deliver discounts of up to 25% off market rates on the hourly rates for all practitioners - from Partners through to Paralegals.

### Groundbreaking

WALGA has also established a Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the provision of Groundwater Monitoring for Landfill Sites. The supplier that was awarded the Tender is GHD and Local Government can access their services directly.

GHD can provide the complete and proper sampling, testing, reporting and monitoring of

groundwater bores associated with Local Government landfill sites.

In addition, GHD can provide the complete and proper sampling, testing, reporting and monitoring of soil and groundwater with contaminated sites investigation, in compliance with the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

For more information contact Contracts Administrator, Jessica Bucak on 9213 2094 or email [jbucak@walga.asn.au](mailto:jbucak@walga.asn.au)

## DAYS OF HHW

The Household Hazardous Waste Program collection days for August and September are as follows:

- ◆ **Saturday, 8 August** hosted by the SMRC at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, Ranford Rd, Canning Vale.

- ◆ **Saturday, 22 August** (RRC) hosted by the City of Gosnells at City of Gosnells Operation Centre, Canning Park Avenue, Maddington.

- ◆ **Saturday, 5 September** (WMRC) at Tom Perrott Reserve, McCabe Street, Mosman Park.

The hours of operation for each day is 9.00am to 1.00pm.

For more information on the products accepted on the day visit [www.wastenet.net.au/programs/hhwprog](http://www.wastenet.net.au/programs/hhwprog)

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY....

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council is hosting a contingency/emergency planning for waste and recycling workshop on Thursday 13 August. The aim of the workshop is to



bring together representatives from Local and State Government, industry, and other stakeholders, to discuss emergency management/contingency planning for recycling, alternative waste

treatment (AWT) and landfill operations.

For more information contact Cecilia Jordan on 9213 2062 or email [cjordan@walga.asn.au](mailto:cjordan@walga.asn.au)

## HELLO HELLO, GOODBYE GOODBYE

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council's recognition in the waste management industry is due in no small part to the efforts of the Officers.

**Goodbye**—MWAC would like to say goodbye and a big thank you to Peter Pikor. As the CEO

of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) Peter has been representing his Council as an Officer on MWAC for over three years. He has now left WMRC for the City of Fremantle.

**Welcome**—Keith Boase is

MWAC's newest non-metropolitan officer representative. Keith is the Manager of Sustainability and Waste Services at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and has significant experience and ability to contribute to MWAC.

## CHEESY APPEAL

The second round of Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme (SWIS) funding for 2009 is now open.

Business, Local Government, community groups and individuals are encouraged to apply.

Funding will be provided for initiatives which are in line with



the Waste Authority's "priority areas for funding" and the Statement of Strategic Direction for Waste Management in Western Australia.

The Waste Authority priority projects are:

- ◆ Organics: source separated green waste;
- ◆ Construction and Demolition

Waste Recovery and Recycling;

- ◆ Plastics;
- ◆ Used Tyres; and
- ◆ Hazardous Waste from Households.

Applications close **5pm Friday 11 September 2009**. For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

## FEDS GET HIGH ON E

At the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) meeting on 22 May 2009, Environment Ministers committed to finalising product stewardship arrangements for end of life televisions and computers at their next meeting in November 2009.

An important step in reaching a decision is undertaking public and stakeholder consultation.

The consultation package is now available through the



EPHC website [www.ephc.gov.au](http://www.ephc.gov.au) under Product Stewardship/Televisions and Computers.

The consultation package includes:

- ◆ Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS);
- ◆ Televisions and Computers
- ◆ Willingness To Pay For E-Waste Recycling - Final Report (Choice Modelling study), and
- ◆ Draft Code of Practice for Managing End-of-Life Televisions

A series of public consultation forums will be held in Sydney,

Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Details will be available on the EPHC website when the forums are confirmed. MWAC will circulate details regarding the Perth forum when they are available. MWAC will be making a Submission on the consultation package.

The closing date for submissions is **Thursday 13 August 2009**.

For more information visit [www.ephc.gov.au/taxonomy/term/51](http://www.ephc.gov.au/taxonomy/term/51)

"Giving Vegemite a Sustainable Future" is a contender for the 2009 Banksia Awards—2009 Agriculture and Food Awards.



You can vote for the 2009 Contenders at [www.banksiafood.com](http://www.banksiafood.com)



### NEW ARRIVAL

Mayor Troy Pickard (MWAC Chair) and his wife Felicity welcomed the arrival of their baby girl Sumaya Lily Pickard on Monday 6th July.



Congratulations from all at Municipal Waste Advisory Council.

### Consumers on packaging

A global survey found that almost 50% of Australian consumers would consider swapping brands if they thought a product was excessively packaged.



(Source:www.environmentalmanagementnews.net/StoryView.asp?StoryID=1003500)

### GOING, GOING, OIL GONE

Local Governments and Regional Councils who have used the WALGA Preferred Supplier Arrangement with Wren Oil, were eligible to apply for the first rebate period (1 January 2009 to 30 June

2009). Local Government response was well received, with over 50% lodging a claim. Application forms have now been collated and sent to the Department of Environment and Conservation for payment.

For more information, contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or [jscott@walga.asn.au](mailto:jscott@walga.asn.au) or Bienne Argent on 9213 2069 or [bargent@walga.asn.au](mailto:bargent@walga.asn.au)

### AWARD WINNING MUSTER

Congratulations to the Shire of Lake Grace and Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) for winning at the National MobileMuster Local Government Awards.

Government in Canberra. The Shire of Lake Grace won the "Top Collector Per Capita" award and EMRC for "Working with Schools" award.

Councils across Australia, who have successfully promoted and collected mobile phones and accessories.

The MobileMuster Local Government Awards is in its third year and was created to recognise and reward leading

Senator Bob Brown presented the awards at the National General Assembly for Local

For more information on MobileMuster visit [www.mobilemuster.com.au](http://www.mobilemuster.com.au) or phone 1300 730 070.

### STOP THE TOSSERS

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) is proud to announce the second State-wide litter prevention strategy for WA - *The Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2009-2014*.

and illegal dumping prevention and management, and provides strategic direction for the combined and consistent efforts of community, industry and government throughout the State.

areas of priority - auditing and evaluation; policy and legislation; education, information and training; enforcement; physical intervention; incentives and stakeholder responsibility.

This Strategy aims to continue on with the work started with the *Litter Prevention Strategy 2006-09*. It sets out a framework for effective litter

Outlined within the five-year Strategy are 21 objectives and 40 actions under seven key



For more information visit [www.kabc.wa.gov.au](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au) or contact KABC on 6467 5122.

### MWAC FACELIFT



The Municipal Waste Advisory Council thought it was time for a change. This marks the last month that the MWAC

Information Bulletin will look like this.

Keep an eye out for the new look MWAC Information Bulletin, coming to you in August.

## 20c DRINK DEPOSITS

The Tasmanian Government has released a *Feasibility Study for Container Deposit System (CDS)*.

The Government commissioned Hyder Consulting to investigate what a best practice CDS would look like should the State choose to implement one.

The Report will be provided to the Environment Protection

and Heritage Council (EPHC) as it considers CDS on a National level.

Some of the findings of the Report include:

- ◆ Recommendation of a 20c deposit;
- ◆ CDS would apply to all beverage containers;
- ◆ A not-for-profit business to be appointed for implementing the system; and

◆ 38-46 depots would be required. Initial capital costs of \$9.5 to \$13.8 million for establishment.

A copy of the Final Report can be downloaded from [www.environment.tas.gov.au/whatsnew](http://www.environment.tas.gov.au/whatsnew)

(Source: [www.insidewaste.com.au](http://www.insidewaste.com.au) & [www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=27137](http://www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=27137))

## WMAA TRAINEE WASTEES

The Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) called for Expressions of Interest from its members in using the Commonwealth's "Skilling Australia for the Future" program for the Certificate III in Asset Maintenance (Waste Management).

Within a few days WMAA received over 100 place requests from companies around Australia. WMAA will now apply to the Productivity Places Program (PPP).

If they are successful, a number of training positions will be allocated in each State and Territory through their

Registered Training Organisation partner to be able to offer greatly discounted training.

For information on the Program visit [www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/ProductivityPlaces/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/ProductivityPlaces/Pages/default.aspx)

(Source: [www.insidewaste.com.au](http://www.insidewaste.com.au))

## WELL STINKY

On 22 June 2009 more than 30,000 employees of the City of Toronto walked off the job, in their first strike since 2002.

City of Toronto officials and union representatives negotiated improvements to pay rates, sick leave, disability programs and retirement and end of contract payouts. No deal has yet been reached, and the strike drags on.

The lack of rubbish collection services has taken its toll throughout the City of Toronto, a Local Government with a population of more than 2.5 million people (8% of Canada's total population).

According to our foreign correspondent in Toronto, Megan Jordan, public bins are full and overflowing, private bins are full, and the streets

are lined with garbage bags, as the community has run out of space to store their garbage.



Some public parks have been designated as temporary dumps, and are now piled high with garbage bags, carried there by members of the public. Squirrels and raccoons have been seen foraging in the accumulating garbage piles, there is toxic "juice" leaking from the bags, and the summer

heat has made the situation "well stinky", says Megan.

Rubbish collection and disposal is an essential service performed by Local Governments around the world, and it's often not until situations like this arise that we appreciate

just how vital it is. It is perhaps not until we have to live surrounded by the garbage that we create that we realise how important the reduce, reuse, refuse, recycle message really is.

Hopefully, for the people of Toronto, the strike will come to an end soon.

A Japanese firm that provides office support aims to achieve zero packaging waste with "Eco-turn".



Products are delivered in returnable bags and foldable containers which are collected by the shipper and reused for another delivery.

(Source: [www.japanfs.org/en](http://www.japanfs.org/en))

**MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Next Meeting**  
**Date:** 19 August 2009  
**Time:** 4.00 pm  
**Venue:** Local Government House

Check out the WA Local Government  
 Association Website at [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au)



Visit WasteNet [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

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**2009  
 EVENTS  
 CALENDAR**

- 2 August **National Tree Day**  
For more information visit [www.treeday.planetark.com](http://www.treeday.planetark.com)
- 24-30 August **Keep Australia Beautiful Week**  
For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)
- 8 August **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**  
Southern Metropolitan Regional Council  
Regional Resource Recovery Centre  
Ranford Rd, Canning Vale
- 22 August **Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day**  
Rivers Regional Council  
City of Gosnells Operation Centre  
Canning Park Avenue, Maddington
- 26-28 August **3rd National Landfill and Transfer Stations Conference:**  
Hobart, Tasmania  
For more information visit [www.wmaa.asn.au](http://www.wmaa.asn.au)
- 15-18 September **Waste & Recycle Conference 2009**  
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia  
For more information visit [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)
- 9-15 November **National Recycle Week**  
For more information visit [www.recyclingweek.planetark.org](http://www.recyclingweek.planetark.org)
- 28 November **Buy Nothing Day—A Global Holiday from Consumerism**  
For more information visit [www.buynothingday.co.uk](http://www.buynothingday.co.uk)

**2009  
 SUBMISSIONS  
 CALENDAR**

- 7 August **WALGA Waste Levy Policy Statement & Survey**  
Survey can be accessed from [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au) for more information contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086
- 13 August **Television and Computer Product Stewardship Submission**  
For more information visit [www.ephc.gov.au](http://www.ephc.gov.au)
- 30 July **National Waste Policy Framework WALGA Comment Period**  
Contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or [jscott@walga.asn.au](mailto:jscott@walga.asn.au) for comments
- 31 July **National Waste Policy Framework**  
For more information visit [www.ephc.gov.au](http://www.ephc.gov.au)
- 11 September **Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme—Round 2**  
For more information visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)



**MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
*"Setting the Environment Right"*

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



**WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL  
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<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JULY 2009</b>		
	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
Youth Activity Area – Future Options (C25/7/09)	Community Development	That Council receive a further report via the December 2009 Community Services Committee that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed funding arrangements;</li> <li>• Findings of further investigations;</li> <li>• Subject to finance not being available through grant funding sources, that the project be considered for funding during the mid-year Budget review.</li> </ul>
Cultural Events Program Review (C28/8/09)	Community Development	Part 2 (f) and (g) be referred to the October Community Services Committee
Future Use & Development of Cross Park (C30/8/09)	Community Planning	That Council receive a further report via the February 2010 Community Services Committee.
Volunteer Policy (C31/8/09)	Community Development	The matter of a Volunteer Policy be recommitted to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.
Councillors' Items – Cr MacDonald (C33/8/09)	Chief Executive's Office	Community Services Committee Timeslot.

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### **LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2009**

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#### **1. LIBRARY SERVICES**

##### **1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July is attached. (**Refer to Attachment "CA-1"**)

##### **1.2 "E"xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)**

Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month:

###### **1.2.1 "E" (Entertain and Escape session)**

Report – July 2009 School Holiday Programme  
Prepared by – Rita Lennon, Shirley Reilly, and  
Barbara Boulton, Librarians at Armadale, Seville Grove and Kelmscott  
Libraries

**Topic: Boredom Busters**

**Presenters: Rita Lennon , Shirley Reilly, and Barbara Boulton**

**Dates: 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Venue: Armadale, Seville Grove and Kelmscott Libraries**

**No. Attending: 73 children; 40 adults**

ARM: 22 children, 14 adults ; SVG : 40 children ; 22 adults ; KMS : 11  
children, 4 adults

Comments:

The kids had no reason to be bored when there were games to make and play at Armadale Library. Templates and instructions for 5 games were supplied, and the kids were also encouraged to use the books on display to stimulate ideas for other games they could create. Turkey Tic-Tac-Toe and the Go Fish Game were the most popular, and there were spare copies of the other games for the kids to take home.

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Seville Grove Library hosted two sessions where the children made sock and spoon puppets. It proved to be a popular activity and each creation was individual and innovative. Books were used to gain ideas as the variety of puppets that could be made was endless. Some of the great results can be seen below.



Kelmscott Library held a shadow-puppet making session. The children listened to Grimm's "The Frog Prince" fairytale while they were cutting the puppets out. The puppets were based on the Indonesian-style shadow puppets, which have small holes (punched with a push-pin) making the details of the characters, the children made a "Prince" and a "frog", then held them up behind a window blind to make a show. Although the group was small, the children said they really enjoyed both the storytelling, and the challenge of the activity. Puppet books and myth & fairytale books were on display and borrowed.

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All sessions aimed to promote library stock, including a selection of craft, games and puzzle books. It was a fun and educational experience at the library.

### **1.3 Mary Durack Award for Young Writers**

(Report prepared by Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Seville Grove Library)

This year the City of Armadale hosted the thirtieth presentation of the Mary Durack Award for Young Writers.

There were a total of 444 entries with 105 of those written by City of Armadale students.

Sarah Preston from Armadale Primary School gained first place in the Year 6-7 category.

Unfortunately there were only 2 entries submitted in the Year 11-12 category, so no prize was awarded this year.

Judging on behalf of the City of Armadale for the Year 8-10 category was kindly done by Lorraine Adams, Betty Rushton and Margaret Kett from the State Library of Western Australia.

The Presentation was held in the Function Room at the City of Armadale on 30 July and was very well attended with approximately 100 guests. The evening was hosted by the Mayor, Mr. Linton Reynolds who did an excellent

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speech. This was followed by an entertaining address by WA children's author Meg McKinlay. Presentations were made to the winning students and then afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Photographer Marcelo Palacios took photographs of all winners and placegetters. Meg McKinlay kindly had her photo taken with the students too. Copies of these will be sent to them as a memento of their achievement.

There were many positive comments from the people who attended. Guests made comments that it was great to see the Mayor so involved in events like this. People commented on how well the author had interacted with the children. A teacher from Guildford Grammar Preparatory School which had two placegetters sent an email after the event. "Our School appreciated your thoughtfulness ... and congratulates you on a wonderful afternoon which was enjoyed by our recipients, along with their families and friends".

### **1.4 Public Library Summit and Public Library Ambassador Program**

Following a very successful inaugural National Public Library Summit coordinated by the Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) to improve recognition and understanding of the value of public libraries at a national level, Jan Richards, President Australian Library and Information Association wrote:

*Opening the ALIA Public Libraries Summit held at the National Library of Australia on 16 July, Senator Ursula Stephens described libraries as having ' a rare and privileged position in the nation's heart' . She said 'they will remain a vital part of the future ... a neutral third place, with the capacity to connect people with the outside world'.*

*The Summit was the first time politicians, their advisors, representatives of not for profit organisations and senior figures from the library world had come together to debate the future of public libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The delegates presented ALIA with the mandate to develop a national framework for Australia's 1500 public libraries.*

*This coincides with the announcement at the Summit of the launch of an initiative to create new National Standards which will form the basis of future agreements between public libraries and their government funders.*

*The Summit also provided the opportunity to launch the **Little Book of Public Libraries** (copies are on order for the City of Armadale) and **the Public Library Ambassador Program**.*

The Western Australian Local Government Librarian's Association (LocLib) took up the challenge of finding Ambassadors for this state, and approached a number of prominent personalities inviting them to become Public Library Ambassadors. LocLib was thrilled to receive two acceptances, one from the Western Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan and the other from ABC Radio Announcer Russell Woolf.

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The intent of the Ambassador Program is that Local Governments and their library services use these high profile public figures to promote public libraries by inviting them to key events, acknowledging their Ambassador role and where appropriate inviting them to speak. Options for inviting one or both of these Ambassadors to City of Armadale library events will be considered. Interest from others at a more local level to also become Public Library Ambassadors would be welcome.

### **2. HERITAGE SERVICES**

#### **2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2009 is attached. (Attachment )

#### **2.2 History House Museum**

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

##### **New Displays**

History House Museum has been researching information for the next two exhibitions.

The first exhibition is a new permanent exhibition that will introduce visitors to the history of the City of Armadale. This exhibition is part of Stage 1 of the museums interpretation plan. It is being partially funded by a Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grant.

The second exhibition is a temporary exhibition that will look at Italian migration to the Karragullen area. The exhibition will focus on the stories of the women who came to the area to make a home in a new culture.

##### **Donations from Kelmscott Hobby Club**

History House Museum in July received a fantastic donation of items made by the Kelmscott Hobby Club. This was a social group that was formed in Kelmscott in the late 1930s. The women's group would meet and practice a wide variety of hobby crafts including sewing, crochet, pottery and doll making.

#### **2.3 Birtwistle Local Studies Library**

(Report prepared by Lorraine Pearce, Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

##### **Birtwistle Local Studies Library Volunteer Morning Tea**

The Birtwistle Local Studies Library Volunteers attended a morning tea held at the Church Café in Armadale. The event was organised by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian to demonstrate appreciation for the number of hours the volunteers work at the library. Without their dedication and commitment the library would not be able to run its digitisation, oral history

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and family history programmes. Volunteers also assist with the archiving of materials.

Owing to Historian/Local Studies Librarian's recent visit to the new library, volunteers were able to see the photographs that were taken of the building in progress and displayed enthusiasm at the prospect of working in the new local studies library.

### **Family History Research Webpage on the City of Armadale Website**

Linked to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library webpage is a new webpage promoting the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Family History Research Centre.

The page displays images of Family History Research Volunteers and guest speakers as well as lists the services and materials available at the library for family history research which include:

- Experienced genealogists on hand to assist with family history research.
- Availability of the Ancestry online database.
- The opportunity to join the electronic mailing list and receive a quarterly newsletter and any useful up-to-date information.
- Informative talks such as “Using the Internet for Family History Research” and “How to Write and Publish Your Family History.”
- Materials that not only help to locate ancestors, but also aid in learning about their lives and ways of presenting family history:
  - Books
  - CD ROMs
  - Microfiche

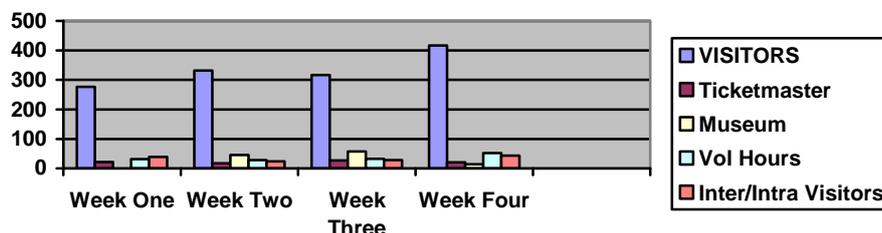
## **3. VISITOR SERVICING**

### **3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators: July 2009**

1343 people came to the Centre for the month of July 2009 compared to 1227 for the same period in 2008. This is an increase of 9% from last year.

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**July Stats**



Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/sea & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
<b>1343</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>118</b>

*VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 216 HOURS*  
*AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 336*  
*VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 36*

**VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

*Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:*

**\$ 2,243** per day = **\$ 15,700** per week = **\$ 62,800** per month

Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area,  
 This is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on \$80 per person each day.  
 Figure calculated as - Visitors less Ticketmaster.

*Average Spend – Including Accommodation:*

**\$718** per night = **\$ 5,025** per week = **\$ 20,100** per month

Figure is calculated by Using Inter and Overseas figures only for the month, based on \$150 per person.

**TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – JULY 2009: \$ 82,900**

**3.2 Visitor Centre**

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

**Armadale Tourism Booklet**

The long awaited Booklet has arrived. Effective and efficient distribution is now a priority. 10,000 copies have been placed with *Tourism Marketing & Promotions* – a Tourism Distribution Company – who will distribute the booklet to over 110 locations throughout the greater Perth region, as far

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south as Mandurah and north to Joondalup. This distribution service will continue throughout the year with booklet supplies being monitored over each month and statistics being generated.

1,000 copies are being distributed by the *'Experience Perth' Regional Tourism Marketing* body to *MATTA Travel Show in Malaysia*, 4 – 6 Sept 09 and another 1000 to *NATAS Travel Show in Singapore*, 28 – 30 Aug 09.

The City of Armadale has placed a 'downloadable' version of the booklet onto the front page of the web site [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au) .

All advertisers within the Booklet have received copies, as have each of the accommodation places within our City. Visitor Centre staff members have walked through local shopping centres and Armadale and Kelmscott, handing out booklets to owners of various shops within the Centres. The three City Libraries have copies for distribution amongst our community. Every *Visitor Centre across our State* has been sent copies of the booklet

### **Other Marketing:**

A Trade Planner CD being distributed by *'Experience Perth'* during *WATE* (Western Australian Tourism Exchange) contains information and images of the Armadale district.

A *'Banner'* advertisement has been included on the front page of the *'Experience Perth'* website for the next twelve months, with the marketing tag *'Armadale – So Close, So Unexpected'*.

An advertisement was placed in the *Sunday Times*, 26<sup>th</sup> July *Travel Section* to continue our strategy of stimulating awareness for consumers within greater metro region, of the South Eastern corridor of Perth, in particular the wonderful region of Armadale.

The Visitor Centre placed a large display at the Champion Centre for NAIDOC Week Celebrations week.

### **Top Tourism Town Awards**

All Visitor Centre staff members have participated in two teleconferences over the past month. The Visitor Centre Association of WA has facilitated both, providing helpful hints and tips to entrants in the Top Tourism Town Awards. Our submission is 'on track' for completion mid August. The strict criteria is challenging, however the completed submission, which will be presented in a 'bound' copy, will be a guide in future years to the progress made in Visitor Servicing by the City of Armadale.

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### **Murdoch University Project:**

On 16<sup>th</sup> July the Coordinator met with Dave Cooper - from the Tourism Program School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Education at Murdoch University.

The Visitor Centre has committed to cooperating with the University by allowing students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year projects in tourism destination management, to complete a project in strategic destination planning for Armadale.

The Local Government Authorities involved over previous years have been: Fremantle, Melville, Derby, Beverley, Cockburn, Goomalling, Murray, Northam, Toodyay, Hyden and York. Projects have also been completed on the Munda Biddi Bike Trail, Williams Wool Shed, the Indian Ocean Drive and many others.

The project being undertaken will complement and expand on the recent Draft Tourism Strategy for the COA, completed by Matt Bird of RBA Consultancies.

The unit is about the management of tourism impacts in and on a destination. It involves strategic planning and forward looking, critical approach to tourism development and management in the context of sustainable development and the so-called '*triple bottom line*'. The Coordinator will meet with the five Students assigned to the Armadale project on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Of August to develop and set parameters.

### **Visitor Centre Members and memberships**

The Coordinator has met with several of our member accommodation providers, facilitating further training on the Book Easy web site. Three of the operators are now able to provide 'live' inventory on our system and two have completed their 'Yellow Tick' of accreditation with the Tourism Council of WA.

Staff from Discover Holiday Parks Forrestfield visited the Centre, offering special discounted rates to patrons of the VC for the months of July and August.

Preparations are underway for the new Membership drive, following adoption of the City's 2009/10 budget.

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### **RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2009**

#### **1. Animal Control**

##### **1.1 Dogs**

Ranger Services received three hundred and fifty eight (358) requests for assistance during the report period. It is of interest to note that there is a 21% drop in the number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from 2008/2009 to 2009/2010.

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

##### **1.2 Livestock**

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to twenty (20) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering. The majority of incidents involving stock on public roads and highways occur outside normal working hours, generally late at night or the early hours of the morning.

##### **1.3 Court Action**

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, this matter was heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrate's Court during the report period.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>FINDING OF COURT</b>	<b>PENALTY \$</b>	<b>COST \$</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>
Stacey Margaret Agar	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	900	114.20	<b>1,014.20</b>
Sofronio Luce Derilo	Dog Attack (on person)	<b>Guilty</b>	1,100	114.20	<b>1,214.20</b>
Jason John Gilibrand	Dog Attack (on person)	<b>Guilty</b>	800	114.20	<b>914.20</b>
Sharon Hickson	Dog Attack (on animal)	<b>Guilty</b>	700	751.20	<b>1,451.20</b>
Heimohenga Ashworth	Dog Attack (on animal)	<b>Guilty</b>	900	232.20	<b>1,321.20</b>
Michelle Anne Versluis	Dog Attack (on animal)	<b>Guilty</b>	700	114.20	<b>814.20</b>
Cherelene Maria Niblett	Dog Attack (on person)	<b>Guilty</b>	600	114.20	<b>714.20</b>

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### **2 Vehicles**

#### **2.1 Parking**

Ranger Services attended to eighty one (81) matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. It is envisaged that this area of Ranger Services' operations will steadily increase as development within the CBD increases.

#### **2.2 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)**

Ranger Services attended to twenty two (22) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited during the report period.

### **3 Fire Services**

There were eleven (11) enquiries relating to fire incidents during the July report period; however these matters were principally related to smoke emission concerns.

### **4 General**

#### **Emergency Management – Bush fire Response Plans**

The City of Armadale Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO), Brian Watkins, has received an invitation from the office of the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety to participate in the 2009 WA Bushfire Summit.

The Black Saturday fires in Victoria highlighted the tragic consequences that can result from this hazard and the urgent need to give further consideration to compounding factors such as land use, climate change and demographic shifts in the population.

The Bush Fire Summit will be held on Tuesday, 25 August 2009 and will be facilitated by Dr. Ron Cacioppe. This full day Summit will bring together a broad range of stakeholders who share an interest in bush fire-related matters.

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**5. Statistics – July 2009**

<i><b>DOGS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Wandering	52	46	52	46	Up 13%
Dogs for Pick Up	32	40	32	40	Down 20%
Barking	21	25	21	25	Down 16%
Attacks	12	14	12	14	Down 10%
Lost & Found	74	99	74	99	Down 25%
General Information	15	12	15	12	Up 25%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>236</b>	Down 13%
Office Phone Enquiries	152	217	152	217	Down 30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>453</b>	Down 21%

<i><b>PARKING / VEHICLES</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
General Parking	14	8	14	8	Up 75%
Trucks	2	8	2	8	Down 75%
School Parking	5	4	5	4	Up 25%
Abandoned Vehicles	22	17	22	17	Up 29%
Off Road Vehicles	22	15	22	15	Up 47%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>52</b>	Up 25%
Office Phone Enquiries	16	20	16	20	Down 20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	Up 13%

<i><b>LIVESTOCK</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Lost & Found	1	0	1	0	Up
General	16	11	16	11	Up 45%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	Up 54%
Office Phone Enquiries	3	6	3	6	Down 50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	Up 18%

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<i>LITTER</i>	July 2009	July 2008	2009/2010 Progressive Total	2008/2009 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	0	0	
Private Property	6	4	6	4	Up 50%
Roadside / Reserve	2	2	2	2	Same
Verge	3	1	3	1	Up 200%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	Up 57%
Office Phone Enquiries	0	2	0	2	Down
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	Up 22%

<i>FIRE</i>	July 2009	July 2008	2009/2010 Progressive Total	2008/2009 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	3	2	3	2	Up 50%
Firebreak / Hazard	0	0	0	0	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	Up 50%
Office Phone Enquiries	8	4	8	4	Up 100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	Up 83%

<i>GENERAL</i>	July 2009	July 2008	2009/2010 Progressive Total	2008/2009 Progressive Total	
General Information	1	3	1	3	Down 70%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	Down 70%
Office Phone Enquiries - Trolleys	13	0	13	0	Up
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	14	4	14	4	Up 250%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	35	10	35	10	Up 250%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>17</b>	Up 270%

**MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

<i><b>TOTAL</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
<b>Sub Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>311</b>	Down 2%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	241	263	241	263	Down 8%
<b>Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>574</b>	Down 5%

<i><b>WARNINGS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Dogs	20	15	20	15	Up 33%
Parking	4	14	4	14	Down 70%
Off Road Vehicles	1	0	1	0	Up
Litter	2	0	2	0	Up
Fire & Fire Orders	0	0	0	0	
Shopping Trolleys	0	0	0	0	
Other incl Abandoned Vehicles	31	0	31	0	Up
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>	Up 100%

<i><b>INFRINGEMENTS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Dogs	68	37	68	37	Up 84%
Parking	83	118	83	118	Down 30%
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	
Litter	5	11	5	11	Down 55%
Fire	0	0	0	0	
Shopping Trolleys	0	0	0	0	
Other	16	0	16	0	Up
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>166</b>	Up 4%
<b>NUMBER WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	Up 31%
<b>Number Paid</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>91</b>	Up 31%

**MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

<i><b>IMPOUNDED DOGS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Claimed	45	38	45	38	Up 18%
Sold	0	2	0	2	Down
Destroyed	3	14	3	14	Down 80%
Vet / Rescue	8	11	8	11	Down 27%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>65</b>	Down 14%

<i><b>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Vehicles	8	5	8	5	Up 60%
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	Up 60%

<i><b>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Sheep	0	0	0	0	
Horses	0	0	0	0	
Cows	0	0	0	0	
Goats	0	0	0	0	
Pigs	0	0	0	0	
Deer	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

<i>ABANDONED TROLLEYS</i>	July	July	2009/2010	2008/2009
	2009	2008	Progressive Total	Progressive Total
Impounded	0	0	0	0
Released	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<i>IMPOUNDED SIGNS</i>	July	July	2009/2010	2008/2009
	2009	2008	Progressive Total	Progressive Total
Impounded	11	0	11	0
Released	0	0	0	0

Up

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	July	July	2009/2010	2008/2009
	2009	2008	Progressive Total	Progressive Total
Dog	7	14	7	14
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>No. of Guilty Verdicts</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>

Down 50%

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<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	July	July	2009/2010	2008/2009
	2009	2008	Progressive Total	Progressive Total
<b>Infringements sent to FER</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>171</b>

Down 57%

**MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

<i><b>DOG REGISTRATIONS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
New Dog Registrations	204	126	204	126	Up 62%
Renewed Dog Registrations	19	19	19	19	Same
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>145</b>	Up 54%
<b>Total Animals on System</b>	<b>11056</b>	<b>11411</b>			

<i><b>PHONE CALLS</b></i>	<b>July 2009</b>	<b>July 2008</b>	<b>2009/2010 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Progressive Total</b>	
Office – Rangers calling Office	96	79	96	79	Up 22%
Office – Messages for Staff	46	52	46	52	Down 10%
Office – Referred to Other	10	20	10	20	Down 50%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences from After Hours Service	0	N/A	0	N/A	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>151</b>	Up

**MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group Meeting of 14 July 2009. (**Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.**)

Seniors’ Interest Advisory Group Meeting of 31 July 2009. (**Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.**)

Public History Advisory Group Meeting of 4 June 2009. (**Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.**)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

An information session will be provided on Tuesday, 25 August 2009 in Council's Function Room on the benefits of the WA Seniors' Card.



## WA SENIORS CARD

### Find out more about:

- The benefits of the WA Seniors Card
- Changes to the WA Seniors Card
- \$200 security rebate information

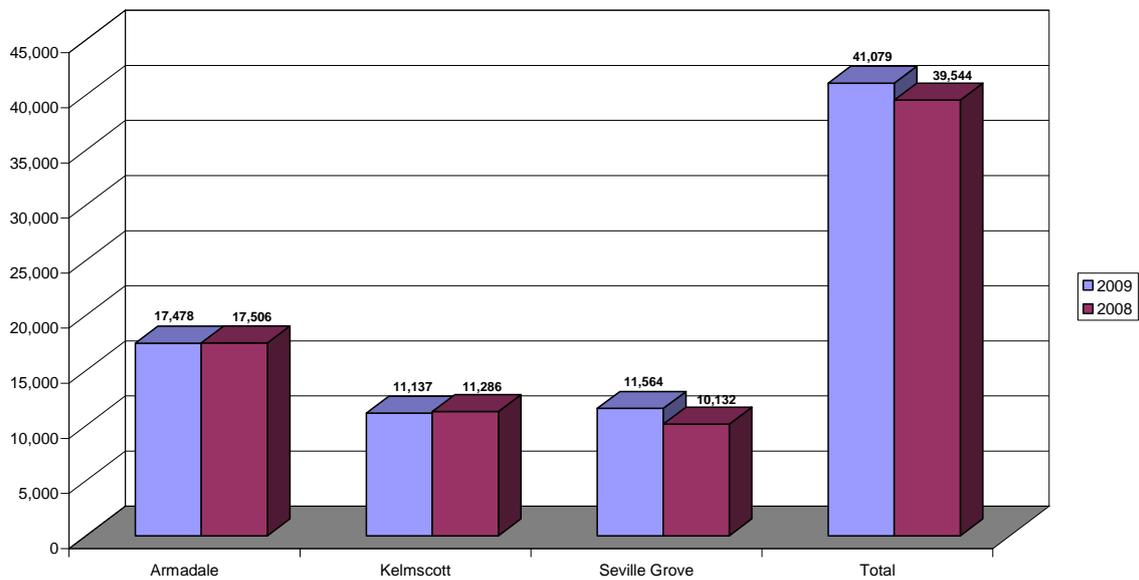
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**Where:** City of Armadale Function Room  
(Follow the ramp upstairs)  
7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale

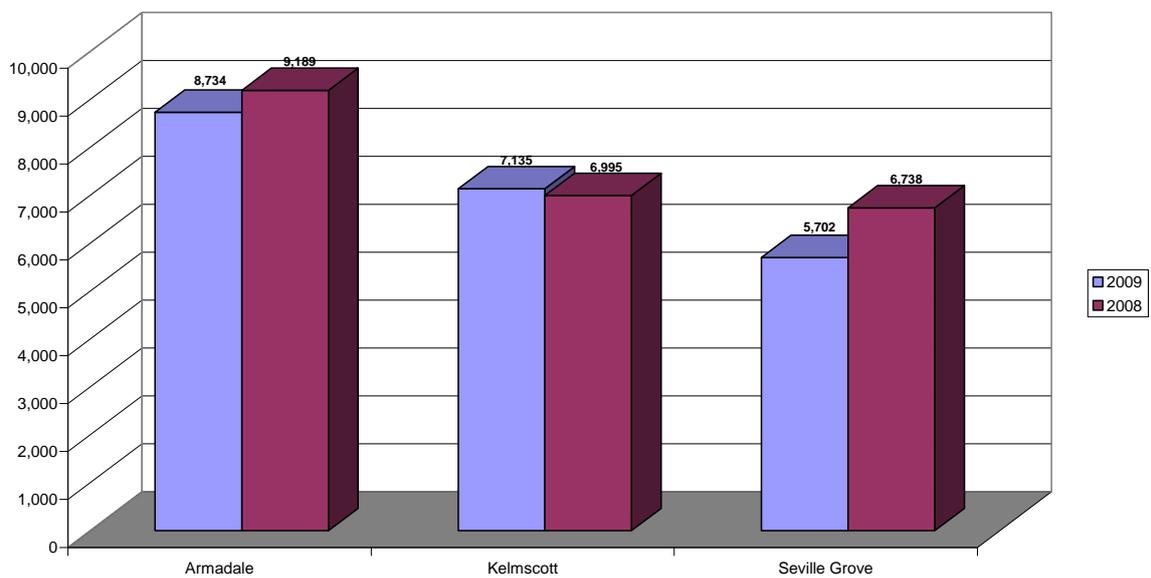
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Contact the Community Development  
Administration Officer on 9399 0642

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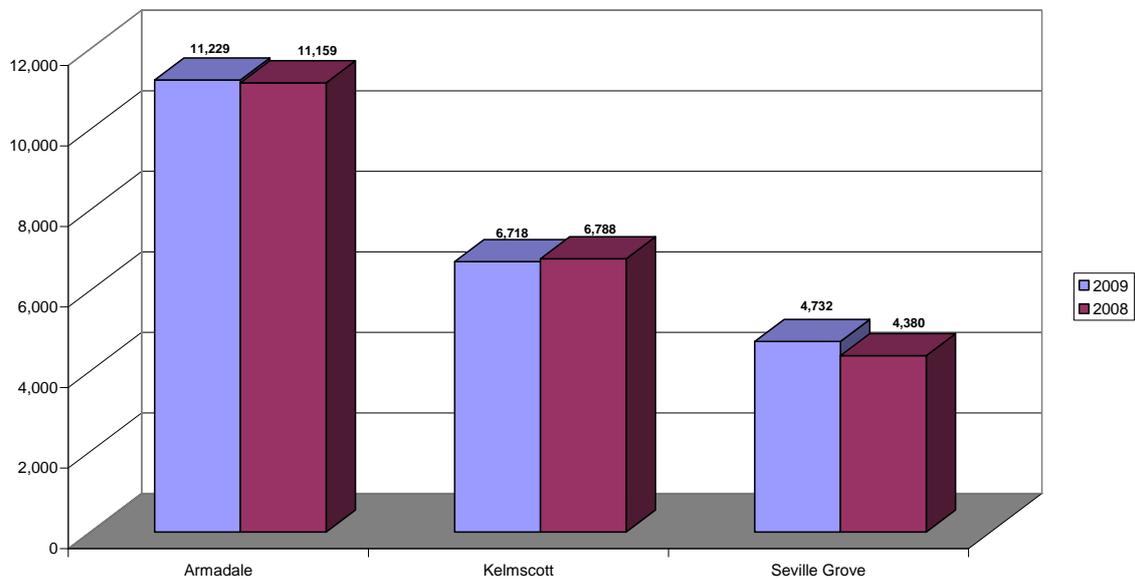
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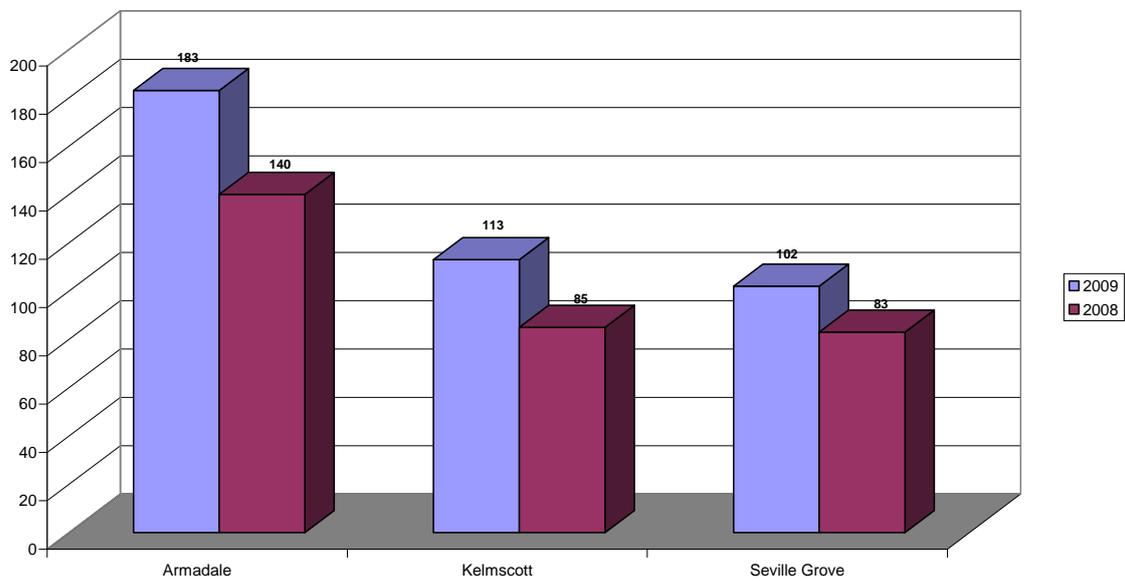
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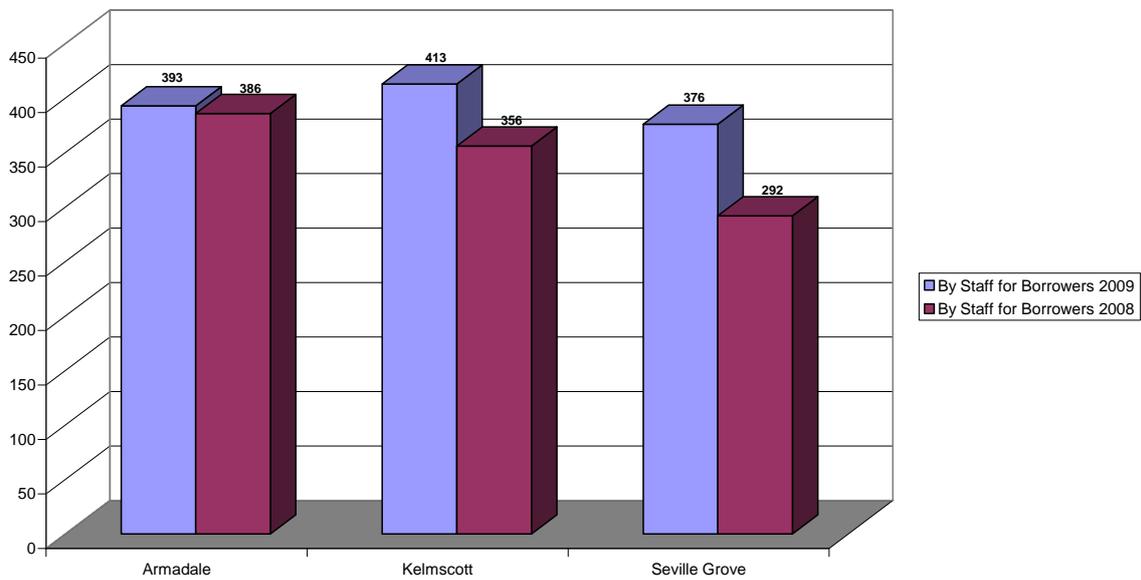
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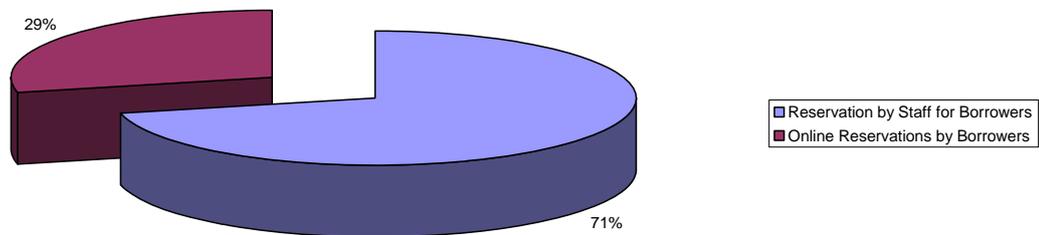
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New Borrowers  
July 2009**



COA Libraries  
Borrower's Reservations  
July 2009



COA Libraries  
Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower  
July 2009



Month: July

Year: 2009

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>July 09</b>	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Jul 08 – Jul 09</b>	<b>Jul 07 – Jul 08</b>
Reference Enquiries	13	27	164	178
Research Enquiries	7	7	165	116
Visitor Attendance	58	86	1331	1286
Volunteer Hours	12	119	769.5	750
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	2	nil	15	24
Interviews Completed	2	2	17	16
Transcripts Completed	5	1	36	18
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	64	68	815.5	416.5
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	10	8	95.5	57
Digitising Records	12	nil	54.5	45
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	4	3	122	27
Research	20	30	416	266
Volunteer Hours	32	70	550	397

Month: July Year: 2009

<b>History House Museum</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>July 09</b>	<b>July 08</b>	<b>July 09- June 10</b>	<b>Jul 08 – June 09</b>
Visitors	115	108	115	108
Volunteer Hours	141	117	141	117
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>	<b>June 09</b>	<b>June 08</b>	<b>July 09 – June 10</b>	<b>Jul 08 – June 09</b>
Visitors	118	349	118	349



# ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING

## NOTES

- 3.1 **OF THE ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING WORKING GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2009 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY OF ARMADALE, COMMENCING AT 6.03 PM**

### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Mrs Barbara Ewing-Manolas	Clans & Scottish Heritage
Cr J A Stewart	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr Ken Manolas	Australian Pipe Band Association WA
Ms Barbara Ross	Caledonian Society of WA
Ms Peta Turnbull	Events Coordinator – City of Armadale
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Mr Neil Kegie	Executive Manager Community Services – City of Armadale
<b>Apologies</b>	
Mr Peter Andrews	WA Metropolitan Regional Committee of Highland Dancing
Mr Alister Wilson	Community Representative
Mr Henk Vogels	Cycling Representative

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF NOTES – 12 MAY 2009

#### RESOLVED

That the Notes of the Armadale Highland Gathering Committee of 12 May 2009, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MOVED Ms Barbara Ross

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – 12 MAY 2009

Nil

#### **4. REVIEW OF PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

The Executive Manager Community Services. Mr Neil Kegie, advised of the recent restructure within the Community Services Directorate which had resulted in Arts and Events now being administered by the Community Development Department and management of the positions held by Peta Turnbull and Carmen Walters coming under Neil’s administration. Talks have been held with Council over the last few months which had resulted in a request for a review (status report) on all the events that the City puts on. This has been done to revisit the first principles of why Council is providing these events and to plan a way forward. To this end, talks with involved officers and a Councillor workshop (in June) have been held. Neil advised that it was now his intention to bring members of the Groups concerned up to speed with the discussions that have been happening. A report will be provided to Council in early August which will contain some of the ideas provided by groups like AHG and the Minnowarra Festival Working Group. Some of the discussion relates to the objectives of each individual event (what are we trying to achieve) so we can determine if they have been successful or not. The individual events, in the context of all the events that the City puts on and other events like the Kelmscott Show, Karragullen Field Day etc. and in this case where does the Armadale Highland Gathering fit into that?

Neil Kegie provided an overview, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, to members of the recent Review of the Program of Events being undertaken at the City of Armadale. He requested members to provide him with feedback in regard to the Armadale Highland Gathering event and welcomed suggestions from members.

Committee advised that previous AHG events had included the following and were worthy of consideration for future events:

- Tug of War;
- Nessie in the lake;
- The inclusion of Scottish food and drink;
- Excalibur;
- War Hammer;
- Archery;
- Scottish Film Festival;
- Ceilidh.

#### **Kelmscott Show – Transport/Parking Issues**

The Executive Director Community Services, in reply to questions regarding the promotion of Kelmscott Show, advised that grant funding may be available from organisations (Gordon Reid Foundation) to hire a shuttle bus on the day to assist with issues relating to parking and transport to the Show.

#### **5. PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Site Layout/Logistics – Events Coordinator**

*The Events Coordinator advised in that quotes for the toilets, stage and marquees have started coming in. Negotiations are under way for the hire of the equipment.*

**5.2 Pipe Bands**

*Ken Manolas advised that an increasing number of bands have expressed an interest in taking part in this year’s AHG.*

**5.3 Scottish Clans**

*Barbara Ewing-Manolas requested that consideration be given for the Clans to be included in the group that takes the Mayor down for the opening this year. The Ceilidh, the Scottish Heritage and the Clans will be occupying the marquee, but have requested there be no commercial involvement in the tent this year.*

**5.4 Entertainment – Cr Jim Stewart**

*Cr Stewart advised that he had attended the “Moondyne Joe” Festival event recently and had been impressed with the bands playing. He was of the view that the music provided by those bands, which was similar to that provided at the AHG, would be worthy of consideration for the 2009 AHG. He suggested that the Events Coordinator, through the Toodyay Tourist Bureau, obtain contact details for the bands.*

*Suggestions for promoting the 2009 AHG were:*

- *Promotion of the event by way of posters, spread far and wide;*
- *The Premier to open the 2009 AHG;*
- *Aboriginal performers;*
- *Simultaneous Lone Piper/Lone Didgeridoo player – morphing sounds together;*
- *Welcome to Country.*

*A follow up, as requested at the previous meeting, had been made by the Events Coordinator and had resulted in contact being made with Miles to Go and Heel n Toe, who had advised of their willingness to play. However, it had not as yet been possible to contact the Clan. Cr Stewart advised that he would contact the Clan.*

**5.5 Cycling Event – Henk Vogels**

*Although not able to attend the meeting, Henk Vogels had conveyed the message to the Events Coordinator that at this stage, there was nothing urgent to report in regard to the organisation of the cycling event.*

*Cr Stewart requested the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Criterium be included in any promotion of the 2009 AHG.*

**5.6 Highland Dancing Competition - Peter Andrews**

*Nil*

**5.7 Heavy Events – Alasdair Courtney**

*Contact had been made with Mr Alasdair Courtney who has since relayed the message that due to other commitments he is unable to take on the organisation of the Heavy Events. The Events Coordinator advised that,*

*although not able to attend the meetings, Jay Waller would run the event on the day.*

**5.8 Royal Scottish Country Dancing Displays**

*Contact had been made with the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Association who confirmed they would be willing to provide a dancing demonstration at the 2009 AHG.*

**5.9 Food and Craft Vending – Events Coordinator**

*Registrations will be sent out next week but two separate indications of interest in providing Scottish food have been received recently. These are in addition to those that provided Scottish fare at last year’s AHG. The Masonic Lodge has expressed keenness in operating the Bar at the 2009 AHG.*

**5.10 Finance – Events Coordinator**

*The Events Coordinator advised that although the Budget process was yet to be finalised, it would appear that no extra budget funds would be available for the 2009 AHG.*

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 2009 Armadale Highland Gathering – Start & Finish Time**

*The Events Coordinator requested Members’ feedback in regard to the start and finish time for the 2009 AHG. The general consensus of opinion was that the opening time be 10.00 am but that the option of closing at 5.00 or 6.00 pm be dependent upon the time of sunset and the schedule of events proposed for the day. This matter to be further discussed at the next meeting of the Group, when information relating to the schedule of events and sunset time for the day may be more readily available.*

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2009 at 6.00 pm in the City of Armadale Committee Room.

**8. CLOSURE**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 PM**

## **Seniors Interest Advisory Group Notes**

**Date of meeting:** Friday 31 July 2009

**Time:** 10am to 11am

**Venue:** Community Services Room, Community Services Building, 7 Orchard Avenue. Armadale

**Present:**

Ms Trudi Hodges (Community representative)

Mr Ron Fisher (Community representative)

Mr Daniel Cain (Community Development Officer)

**Insufficient for Quorum meeting to proceed, informal Notes taken.**

**Agenda Items:**

- 1) Apologies  
Cheryl Samborski
- 2) Notes  
Agreed, with no changes required
- 3) Projects update –  
Daniel updated the group on the next City presentation from the RAC ‘Live Safe’ on the 5 August 2009. Presentation from WA Seniors Card on the 25 August which appears popular.

Daniel informed the group DAISY readers are now available in the library for people to try out. Free from vision Australia to people with a print disability including dyslexia and dexterity issues. The DAISY readers are an advanced machine for talking books.

Daniel passed the group copies of the WA Seniors Card Rebate information pack produced by the City. Details local providers and installers making the process easier for local residents. Rebate available from WA Seniors Card of up to \$200 for selected security items.

Daniel updated the team on the Senior day planned for the 26 October 2009 at Champion Lakes. Many local and regional organisations attending the day to display, workshop and offer instruction. Discussed catering opportunities for the day Trudi suggested Lions and Rotary as possible caterers on the day. Trudi requested a visit to Champion Lakes.

- 4) Seniors Plan Discussion  
As previously agreed Daniel had highlighted a number of strategies in the plan for possible deletion and prioritised others. Group discussed a number of strategies in the plan.

Trudi suggested moving many strategies into City strategy and plans, removing the emphasis from the Seniors Plan.

Trudi would appreciate knowing the time scale and process of the Seniors Plan review.

Specific strategies discussed included Senior Housing. Trudi suggested writing a letter to the Department Housing and Works from City of Armadale’s CEO for clarification about housing availability in the area. Other sources of information on housing need could include Council On The Aging and Office for Seniors Interests.

### **Any Other Business**

- 5) **Armadale Regional Business Association (ARBA)**  
Trudi explained the introduction of the ARBA which includes Non for Profit organisations. Daniel agreed to pass on to local networks.
- 6) **Film descriptions**  
Ron explained he was attending a session on describing movies for people with Vision Impairment. Ron feeding back to the group on the 28 August 2009.
- 7) **Computers**  
Daniel mentioned he was compiling an up to date list of computer courses in the area due to popular demand and changes in the availability. Trudi said Greendale Centre has recently started offering courses with three computers, Annette will forward details for the new list.

**Next meeting: Friday 28 August 2009, 10am, Community Services Room – Community Services building.**

# CITY OF ARMADALE

## MINUTES

OF PUBLIC HISTORY ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009 AT 7.00PM

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### **PRESENT:**

Mr Kim Fletcher            Chair  
Mrs Faye Clay  
Mrs Colleen Fancote  
Ms Kath Coulthard

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cr Linton Reynolds  
Mrs Patricia Walker  
Ms Hazel James

### **OBSERVERS:**

Nil

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr William Leigh            - Acting Manager Libraries and Heritage  
Mrs Lorraine Pearce        - Historian/Local Studies Librarian  
Mr Christen Bell            - Museum Curator

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1.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2009 were confirmed with the following corrections and additions:

- Kath Coulthard presented to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library on behalf of the Armadale Districts Preservation Group:

1. 2 hard copies of the *Kelmscott River Foreshore Interpretation Plan*

2. CD containing the *Interpretation Plan Report*
  3. A hard copy *Archaeological Excavation of the Kelmscott Town Lot 26 Report*
- Keith Gregson owing to his work on the Albany Highway was able to show Kim Fletcher culverts and wells built by convicts when constructing the road.

## **2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

### **2.1 District History Rewrite (Manager Libraries and Heritage)**

Jennie Carter is researching quotes for editing and publishing of the book.

Request made for latest quarterly report to be sent to group members.

*AGREED:*

Mrs Lorraine Pearce to organise.

### **2.2 Naming of Streets for Wungong Master Plan Area (Hilbert and Haynes) in particular.**

Report from Development Services Committee Meeting titled “Road Closures/Road Naming/Road Dedications was tabled.

A number of names were suggested for the area.

*AGREED:*

Mr Kim Fletcher and Mrs Lorraine Pearce to organise a meeting in order to compile a list of names which can then be sent via a memo to the City of Armadale Administrator of Planning Services.

### **2.3 De-accessioning of Lady Dedlock Grimwade Bowl 1999.53**

To confirm the recommendation of the curator that the Lady Dedlock Grimwade bowl be de-accessioned from the History House Museum collection and be offered to community groups. If this is unsuccessful then the bowl should be offered up via public auction in accordance with HHM procedures.

De-accessioning confirmed.

### **2.4 De-accessioning of Salter Pocket Scales 1975.108**

To confirm the recommendation of the curator that the Salter Pocket Scales be de-accessioned from the History House Museum collection and transferred to the education collection.

De-accessioning confirmed.

### **2.5 De-accessioning of Army Dixie 1976.266**

To confirm the recommendation of the curator that the Army Dixie be de-accessioned from the History House Museum and transferred to the museum’s education collection.

De-accessioning confirmed.

### **3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **3.1 History House Museum Report (Curator)**

Report and statistical data attached.

#### **3.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Report (Historian/Local Studies Librarian)**

Report and statistical data attached.

#### **3.3 Reports from PHAC committee members**

Committee members are invited to report on the activities of their respective organisations

*(Any other information items that require a decision will be listed as a business item on the agenda for the next meeting.)*

*City of Armadale, Community Representative.*

- Information on Kelmscott history written by Dennis Frye was read at Kelmscott Historians’ meeting.
- Next meeting of Kelmscott Historians will be held on Saturday 8 August.
- Tom Price talk organised by Birtwistle Local Studies Library was very successful.
- Question was asked as to the future use of the schoolroom building when the Birtwistle Local Studies Library moves into the new Armadale Library.

One of the recommendations made at the Community Services Meeting on Tuesday 2 June was for council to endorse the use of the historic Armadale School building to be used for public programs and exhibition space related to the district.

*Historian/Local Studies Librarian*

The compactus which is currently situated in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library has been measured to ascertain whether it will fit into the archive room located in the City of Armadale Administration building.

As the compactus will fit after the removal of two ceiling lights, it is planned that it will be relocated after work has been completed in the room to ensure it meets with archival standards.

This will enable the Birtwistle Local Studies Library to gain off-site storage facilities enabling materials to be taken to the new library that will only be accessed on a regular basis.

Meeting closed: 7:50pm

**Next Meeting**  
**THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2009**

Attachment 1.

**Report for History House Museum  
for March and April 2009**

**March**

**New Volunteers**

The museum has been very fortunate to have four new volunteers start this month. This has alleviated the staffing issues at the museum. The new volunteers are currently being trained in accessioning, how to handle the collection, keeping the museum clean and customer service.

**Armadale Home Help**

A group of 18 from Armadale Home Help came for a visit to the museum which included a tour of the Armadale School Building.

**Sunday Mornings**

The opening of History House Museum on a Sunday morning to coincide with the Producers Markets has been reasonably successful. In March there were 48 Sunday Morning visitors. In the previous month of February there were 24 visitors and in January there were 19. It would seem that with the improving weather there are more people within the Minnowarra / Civic Precinct.

**April**

**Armadale 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This new display looks at how Armadale has grown and changed over the last one hundred years. The display includes images and objects that help to tell the story of how Armadale has grown from a small rural town on the outskirts of Perth to an outer suburb. Significant objects on display include the scales from the first Shop in Armadale, John Hickson’s World War One slouch hat and E.P.N.S milk jug and butter dish from the Narrogin Inn.

The display will be running till August 2009.

**Bedforddale Honour Roll**

The museum has received back the Bedforddale Roll of Honour from the conservator. It has been cleaned and the metal fixtures treated. The conservation work was possible thanks to a Saluting Their Service Grant from the Department of Veteran’s Affaires.

### **Minnawarra Festival**

The museum was open on Sunday for the Minnawarra Festival. The new exhibition about the centenary of Armadale was opened that weekend. The museum received 150 visitors across the day.

### **720 ABC Radio Interview**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of April the curator of History House Museum was part of a new 720 ABC radio series that looks at significant objects in Western Australian museum collections. The curator spoke about the Ben Strange collection and its importance as promoted the current exhibition on Armadale. The interview went very well and has had positive feedback.

Attachment 2.

**Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library  
for March and April 2009**

## **March**

### **LocLib 2009 Biennial Conference**

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian attended the LocLib 2009 Biennial Conference the theme of which was “Libraries Transform Communities”, participating as a part of a panel consisting of three to answer questions relating to digitising oral history collections. A twenty minute presentation by Brent Acie who discussed some of the challenges and possible solutions in digitising materials was followed by the panel discussion. The Historian/Local Studies Librarian was invited onto the panel by the conference organisers owing to her experience in digitising oral history collections. The panel discussion presented the opportunity to share how a number of interviews from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library oral history collection are made available through the City of Armadale Website and how online displays can be set up using digital images. The result of using an online setting not only promotes a local studies collection but also makes it available to a wider audience and can become part of the creation of a Web 2.0 environment which was a major conference theme.

## **April**

### **Minnawarra Festival**

Two hundred and ninety-seven people visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library during the Sunday of the Minnawarra Festival. The amount was due mainly to six of the library’s volunteers handing out leaflets in the crowds encouraging people to visit the library.

Other volunteers were on hand in the library with the Historian/Local Studies Librarian to answer any questions relating to the history of the district or discuss family history.

A computer with Ancestry Library Edition was set up and people took the advantage of sitting with a family history research volunteer to locate information on their ancestors. Others were keen to book in for the next family history research open day.

The library also had the following displays on show:

- “Special Events in Armadale’s History” –  
This display promoted the Centenary of the gazettal of the Armadale

Townsite by featuring photographs showing important events such as the opening of the Soldier’s Memorial Obelisk in 1916.

- “Family History is More than Just Births, Deaths and Marriages” -  
To encourage people that family history is more than just building family trees, the display showed housing and costumes throughout the ages.  
Pamphlets on “How to Research the History of Your House” were made available and the two books *Australian houses of the '20's and '30's* and *Australian houses of the forties & fifties*, obtainable at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, were promoted.
- “District History Rewrite” –  
The rewriting of the book relating to the history of the district was put on display. Images of Jenny and Bevan Carter were publicized as the historians and writers the City of Armadale has commissioned for the work.  
Snippets of early local history were also placed on display to illustrate the type of material that will be available in the book.
- “Kelmscott History Group Display” –  
The display produced by the Kelmscott History Group featured information on the 63<sup>rd</sup> Regiment which tied in with the “District History Rewrite Display”; the regiment being mentioned in the relationship between the European Settlers and the local Aborigines.  
Also featured in the group’s display were the panels created for the *Kelmscott River Foreshore Interpretation Plan*. The panels contained images and text with information relating to early settlement of the Canning River area in Kelmscott.

Those who visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library during the Minnowarra Festival spent much of their time browsing the displays while others were happy to also stay and discuss local and family history.

### **Practicum Student**

A City of Armadale Records Officer who is currently in their third year of a Records Management Degree at Curtin University of Technology has completed a two week practicum at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library. The practicum involved the archiving of Road Board records which needed to be copied onto archival quality paper owing to their fragile condition and stored in archival boxes. After the material was archived it was then necessary for it to be made accessible through creating an index of the records. The index enables researchers to ascertain whether the information would be of use without them searching through pages of material. The student was also taught to encapsulate materials that were added to other parts of the collection. The name and cost of archival materials used were also provided to the student in order for them to be added to a report resulting from the practicum.

### **Digitisation of Birtwistle Local Studies Library Photograph Collection**

Digitisation of the photograph collection has commenced. The project which will take approximately four to five months to complete will result in the following:

- Images produced in archival TIFF format to the State Library of Western Australia standards, stored on archival quality CDs and in an allocated area on the City of Armadale Server.
- The City of Armadale Information Technology Support Officer will make JPG copies of the images which will be used for access and reproduction purposes. These copies will be stored on CDs burnt by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian and in an allocated area on the City of Armadale Server.

Once the work has been completed it will then be possible to attach watermarked images to the photograph catalogue record which can be viewed via the City of Armadale Libraries’ Net OPAC.

Attachment 3.

**History House Museum Statistical Report  
 for March and April 2009**

**March**

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			March 08	July 08- June 09	Jul 07 – June 08
		<b>March 09</b>			
Visitors		181	223	1388	1730
Volunteer Hours		145	180	1065	1395
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>		<b>March 09</b>	<b>March 08</b>	<b>July 08 – June 09</b>	<b>Jul 07 – June 08</b>
		231	240	3994	3709

**April**

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			April 08	July 08- June 09	Jul 07 – June 08
		<b>April 09</b>			
Visitors		276	389	1662	2119
Volunteer Hours		150	189	1215	1584
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>		<b>April 09</b>	<b>April 08</b>	<b>July 08 – June 09</b>	<b>Jul 07 – June 08</b>

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Visitors	184	222	4178	3931
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Attachment 4

**Birtwistle Local Studies Library Statistical Report  
 for March and April 2009**

**March**

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Jul 08 – Mar 09</b>	<b>Jul 07 – Mar 08</b>
Reference Enquiries	11	17	108	99
Research Enquiries	11	17	128	73
Visitor Attendance	80	70	786	594
Volunteer Hours	33	25	632	476
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	Nil	1	8	21
Interviews Completed	Nil	5	10	12
Transcripts Completed	Nil	Nil	16	14
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	78	27.5	579	256.5
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	6	5.5	59	40
Digitising Records	9	Nil	9	45
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	7	5	104	24
Research	49	25	316	90
Volunteer Hours	39	41	387	183

**April**

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Jul 08 – Apr 09</b>	<b>Jul 07 – Apr 08</b>
Reference Enquiries	18	23	126	122
Research Enquiries	5	15	133	88
Visitor Attendance	368	389	1154	983
Volunteer Hours	67	68	699	544
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	3	nil	11	21
Interviews Completed	2	nil	12	12
Transcripts Completed	4	nil	20	14
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	51.5	28	630.5	284.5
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	5	nil	64	40
Digitising Records	12.5	nil	21.5	45
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	8	1	112	25
Research	36	90	352	180
Volunteer Hours	45.5	50	430.5	233